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Tropical depression forms

A tropical depression with sustained winds of 30 miles per hour and moving west at 6mph has formed near the Northern Islands, according to the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, yesterday.

» Flood, small craft advisories issued

The bad weather has resulted in the issuance of multiple advisories, warning motorists against flash floods and mariners to expect rough seas.

The tropical depression is also expected to produce

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REMAKING GARAPAN

Funding in the millions needed

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Second part of a series

With the creation of the Garapan Revitalization Task Force under the Office of Planning & Development, the fate of the Garapan business and tourist district is taking a turn from neglect and deterioration to hope. From a practical standpoint, though, that project is going to have a tab that will run into the millions of dollars. That's where potential federal funding could come in, according to Chris Concepcion, who

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'Late PWS causes USDOL delays'

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REPORTER

Late Prevailing Wage Survey equals late Temporary Labor Certifications.

At least that's how Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) sees it. He blames the delays in the U.S. Department of Labor's issuance of TLCs on the CNMI's delay in coming up with the Prevailing Wage Survey. That should have been done sooner, he said.

» 'We did the survey according to mandates of US law'

To that, the Torres administration noted that the survey's timeline was intended to ensure accuracy.

Responding to a *Saipan Tribune* inquiry about delays in USDOL's issuance of TLCs that are required to apply for a CW-1 petition, Sablan said,

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DOJ faults CUC in seeking EPA approval

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. remains deficient in submitting items for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's approval, including failure to submit a plan to repair leaks in the drinking water system as required by the federal court-mandated Stipulated Order 1, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

SO1 focuses on drinking water and wastewater and the restructuring of CUC's organization.

As of press time yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* was still awaiting CUC's response to a request for comments.

In the U.S. government's August 2019 status report filed in federal court last Thursday, Bradley R. O'Brien, senior

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Ex-employer lists five siblings of dead worker who left $20K

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The former employer of a dead electrician who left behind $20,794 in a bank account still wants to be the administrator of the man's estate but, this time, listing five surviving siblings in the Philippines.

Juan A. Gacayan, through counsel Joey P. San Nicolas, told the Superior Court Monday that he failed to include the surviving siblings of Eduardo Ocampo David in his initial petition to serve as administrator of David's estate and that he is now correcting the omission.

Gacayan asked the court to issue an amended petition for letters of administration naming himself as administrator of David's estate.

David's surviving siblings were identified in Gacayan's list as Maria Gina Ocampo David-Cuenco, Monalisa Ocampo David, Marlene Ocampo David, Elizabeth Ocampo David Sta. Ana, and Avelino Ocampo David.

Charity R. Hodson, who was hired by the same siblings to represent them, listed six siblings, including Olivia Ocampo David, who is not on Gacayan's list.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho will hear the matter on Sept. 5.

All creditors of David or his estate were ordered to file their claims with the clerk of the Superior Court within 60 days, or the claims will be forever barred.

In Gacayan's amended petition, San Nicolas said that David died without leaving any will on Oct. 15, 2018, on Saipan.

Last Dec. 20, the court granted Gacayan's initial petition for letters of administration.

San Nicolas said Gacayan is a family friend of David, who had never been married and has no children.

San Nicolas said the property of David's estate consists of approximately $20,000 at the Bank of Guam in Garapan.

The lawyer said Gacayan is aware of debts that David has left unpaid and that he will inform the court of the details at the filing of the estate's inventory.

San Nicolas said Gacayan is a suitable estate administrator and would help ensure an expeditious handling and settlement of all probate maters with the least expenses.

San Nicolas said Gacayan presently lives on Saipan, which ensures that he will be subject to the court's jurisdiction whenever his appearance is required.

David, who hails from Pampanga, the Philippines, died at the age of 60 at the Commonwealth Health Center on Oct. 15, 2018, more than a week after he had a heart attack. His remains were brought to the Philippines last November.

Gacayan's original petition asked the court to allow him to inherit David's money in the bank.

Last June, however, Camacho expressed concern since an employer is not an heir of the decedent when there is no will that expressly states that such employer will get an inheritance upon a person's death.

Gacayan's former counsel, Rosemond Santos, withdrew from the case. Gacayan then hired San Nicolas as his new counsel.

The siblings learned about the probate through *Saipan Tribune*.

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SCA turns 3

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REPORTER

Saipan Cares for Animals was borne out of the chaos and havoc of Typhoon Soudelor in 2015. Founded on Aug. 5, 2016, with no power, no water, and so many animals to care for, the fact that the non-profit group is celebrating its third anniversary this year speaks a lot of the support it has gotten over the years.

Pliscou

From spaying and neutering services, to basic veterinary assistance and sheltering stray cats and dogs, Saipan Cares for Animals has come to fill a need in the community, including providing temporary homes for lost pets or helping get the word out when a pert goes missing.

To bolster their outreach efforts, they now have a website, www.saipancaresforanimals.com, an Instagram account, @SaipanCaresforAnimals, and a Facebook page—all managed by volunteers and under the guidance of SCA president Beth Pliscou.

Pliscou herself started as a volunteer at the Saipan Mayor's animal shelter in Lower Base. However, when Typhoon Soudelor destroyed that shelter, she and a group of members in the community took the initiative to begin SCA. Now the group has a visiting veterinarian once every month, and they help out with spaying/neutering CNMI animals.

"Today, we are expanding both our services and our facilities, bringing volunteer [veterinarians] to the island to do spay/neuter clinics, and continuing to work to educate the public on animal care and welfare," SCA's Facebook page says.

Pliscou said her home and the SCA shelter were destroyed by Super Typhoon Yutu in 2018 and it was with the help of APEC that the new facility was rebuilt. She said that the construction of the new facility cost around $50,000 and she thanked Rusty from APEC for providing the idea of creating the facility and providing cash donations to keep the clinic and facility running.

The new facility houses over 100 animals and has new kennels for cats and dogs.

The clinic is open from Tuesday to Saturday from 12pm to 3pm. The clinic is located in Kolberville, near the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. If in doubt about the location, use Google Maps to find SCA.

Pliscou thanked the visiting vets, Hertz Rent-A-Car for donating car rentals for visiting veterinarians, APEC for rebuilding the SCA animal shelter, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Mango Resort, the Pacific Islands Club and Kanoa Resort for providing hotel stays for the visiting veterinarians, Shell Marianas, Tropical Laundry, and all the Saipan businesses that helped SCA with their generous donations.

Saipan Cares for Animals thanks all donors and the families that have adopted animals from their shelter. Pliscou said the group is open to anyone who would like to volunteer and help out with the animals.

SCA is also hosting free cat adoptions for the month of August, with no limits on the number of cats that can be adopted. The cats are neutered/spayed and are given free vaccinations for the first year.

For more information, contact Saipan Cares for Animals at (670) 285-5448, or check their social media accounts on Facebook (@SaipanCares) or Instagram (@SaipanCaresforAnimals).

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Apatang welcomes Korean students

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang welcomed yesterday a group of students from Korea, who is visiting the CNMI for about a month.

The group, called The WOW English Camp of Costa World Tour, will be helping with a beach cleanup next week at the Sugar Dock beach. The cleanup was scheduled this week but the rainy weather forced to group to move it to next week.

The group consists of seven elementary students, three parents, and one teacher from Suwon-Si city in the Gyeonggi province in South Korea.

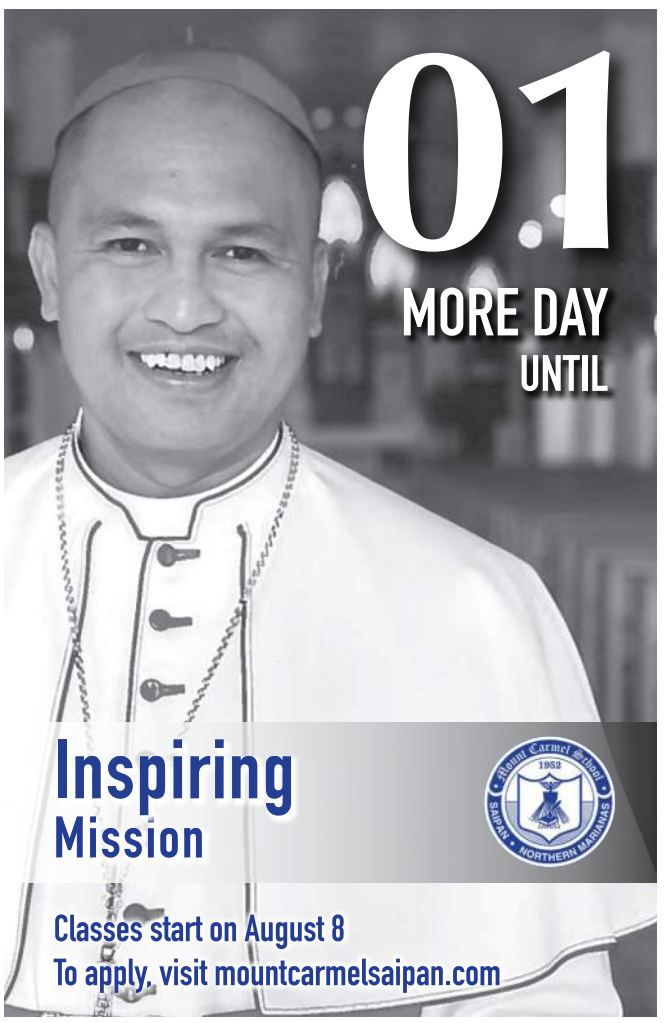
Apatang presented the students with certificates and gifts to thank them in advance of their beach cleanup. The students were also given the opportunity to ask Apatang questions about his background and being the mayor of Saipan.

The group is led by Yeontae Choi, who is a longtime resident of Saipan. He said this is the group's first visit and this week marks their second week on Saipan; the group will be on island for another two weeks.

Choi said the students will be taught how to write and speak English, and they will go sightseeing throughout the islands.

Apatang thanked the WOW English Camp and Choi for helping out by cleaning up the islands and hopes that they can bring more students on the next trip.

Choi said that he helps the Costa World Tour by bringing students from Korea over every summer and winter. ***(Marc A. Venus)***



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Roil Soil donates $3K to MINA, Crime Stoppers

Left to right, Roil Soil Clothing's Peter Aldan, Micronesia Islands Natural Alliance executive director Roberta Guerrero, Tasi Watch community ranger Kaiza Lucido, program manager Becky Furey, and Roil Soil Clothing owner Shayne Villanueva.

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Roil Soil Clothing recently donated $3,000 in proceeds from its first Slosh Golf Tournament to the Micronesia Islands Natural Alliance and the CNMI Crime Stoppers program.

"We are always looking for ways to give back directly to charities locally," said Roil Soil Clothing owner Shayne Villanueva.

The company has previously worked with MINA; this is their first time working with the CNMI Crime Stoppers.

"MINA is appreciative of Roil Soil's commitment to the environment. It's community support such as this that makes it possible for MINA to fulfill our mission of empowering communities for conservation," MINA executive director Roberta Guerrero said.

CNMI Crime Stoppers board member Brian Clayton thanked Roil Soil Clothing for the generous donation. "Crime Stoppers is always looking for funding and ways to keep the program going. …We are excited to receive the funds as they will go a long way," Clayton said.

"We will continue to do what we can for our public programs as a private organizer of this event," Villanueva said. He said that their next event will support the local chapter of the Girl Scouts and more information will come soon.

Left to right, front row: Mike Yang, Joe Guerrero, Peter Callaghan of Crime Stoppers and Shayne Villanueva of Roil Soil. Back row, left to right, James Arenovski, Brian Clayton of Crime Stoppers and Peter Aldan of Roil Soi

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large monsoonal and wind waves that will create hazardous surf of 12 to 14 feet along west, south and southeast facing reefs.

The public is being warned to stay away from reefs and shorelines, and inter-island travel by boat should be avoided through Wednesday night.

As of 12:30pm yesterday, Tropical Depression 11W was about 125 miles west of Alamagan, 130 miles west-southwest of Pagan, and 150 miles southwest of Agrihan. It is expected to move in a northwest to north-northwest direction and pass west of the northern CNMI over the next couple of days.

Mariners are especially vulnerable from the rough seas, with NWS warning of heavy showers and strong gusts over the waters of Rota.

At 1:15 pm yesterday, NWS reported that doppler radar indicated a line of heavy showers moving northeast at 30 knots and located about 32nm west of the Ritidian Buoy in Guam. These showers are capable of producing wind gusts of around 30 knots.

Tropical Depression 11W is not expected to affect the northern CNMI directly but will enhance the ongoing monsoon surge. Expect south-southwest to south-southeast winds of 30 to 40 mph with gusts of 50 to 55 mph. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms will also continue through today, Wednesday evening, with 2 to 4 inches of rain possible.

Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios is advising residents on Alamagan, Pagan, and Agrihan to monitor the situation closely and maintain necessary precautionary measures for possible gusty winds and heavy rain and to also stay informed on the latest statements or advisories.

Mariners and the public are also advised to expect gusty winds of around 30 knots accompanying the monsoon. Higher waves will result in poor visibility over the water and occasional lightning strikes are also possible. NWS said boaters should seek safe harbor immediately until the rough water passes.

To this end, NWS issued small craft advisory in effect through Friday night. The small craft advisory means that wind speeds of 22 to 33 knots and seas 10 feet or higher are expected to produce wave conditions hazardous to small craft.

NWS also issued an urban and small stream flood advisory yesterday due to the monsoon brought about by Tropical Depression 11W.

The advisory noted that moderate to brief heavy rain was expected yesterday and likely would produce 1 to 2 inches of rainfall, resulting in street flooding and brief flooding of streams and low-lying areas.

Motorists were advised to turn around to avoid drowning when encountering flooded road as most flood deaths occur in vehicles.

The advisory also said that excessive runoff from heavy rainfall will cause flooding of small creeks and streams, urban areas, and streets as well as other low-lying spots.

Future weather advisories will be available through media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or call CNMI EOC State Warning Point at 237-8000 or 664-8000, and for the Northern Islands to contact EOC State Warning Point at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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lawyer at the DOJ Environment and Natural Resources Division Environmental Enforcement Section, said CUC has failed to provide EPA an update on procurement procedures.

O'Brien said CUC also failed to install a computer-based preventative maintenance management system and failed to complete a water meter maintenance and testing program.

O'Brien said EPA, however, approved last Feb. 11 CUC's drinking water cross connection and backflow prevention program, pursuant to SO1.

He said CUC continues to report that it is not billing customers adequately to cover the cost of service.

He said CUC states that non-revenue water is approximately 63%, meaning only 37% of drinking water produced, pumped, and chlorinated by CUC is being billed to customers and generating revenue.

CUC reported it is losing approximately 200 million gallons per month of produced water.

O'Brien said the costs associated with the lost water is passed on to paying customers.

He said the reasons for this loss include leaks and failed water meters.

O'Brien said SO1 requires an EPA-approved plan and schedule to perform detection and repair of leaks in the drinking water distribution system.

He said SO1 also requires an EPA-approved plan to identify and eliminate subsurface connections to old drinking water lines or pipes that may negatively impact the quality of water in the distribution system.

In 2014, EPA disapproved CUC's proposed leak detection and repair program.

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"That is taking time primarily because the [PWS] was done later than we should have."

He pointed out that the Commonwealth was responsible for the PWS.

Sablan did note, however, that employers who need assistance with either the application for a Labor certification or a CW permit may approach his congressional office in Susupe.

Sablan noted in a previous statement that the additional steps in the CW renewal process are meant to ensure that "employment of the CW [foreign] worker will not take a job from a qualified U.S. worker nor bring down the wages of U.S. workers who are similarly employed."

In a statement, the Torres administration noted that the 2019 PWS was done while waiting for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to release new regulations on the CNMI Workforce Act of 2018.

"While waiting for the regulations…federal partners from the U.S. Department of Labor communicated to us at the end of 2018 that a brand-new [PWS] had to be conducted in order for employers to receive a temporary labor certification," said press secretary Kevin Bautista in the statement. "The process took about four months to complete in order to ensure accuracy with our federal partners."

That required the Office of the Governor, CNMI Department of Labor, and CNMI Department of Commerce collaborating with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce "in order to conduct a survey that presented a clear and accurate picture of the CNMI's economy."

The statement also stressed the Governor's Office also communicated with USCIS to expedite the publication of the new regulations.

When asked, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce noted that several of their members have experienced delays in procuring the TLC, which is one of the several new steps needed in order to even submit a CW petition with USCIS.

"We are hopeful USCIS will come up with the new regulations addressing all the issues related to the CNMI Workforce Act. Businesses would like clarity…with the regulations out as soon as possible. This would assist the businesses in planning for their future and helping them better communicate to their CW staff what they should expect for the renewal process," a statement from the Chamber noted.

"At this time, there are some businesses trying to decide whether it is worth continuing business in the CNMI with so much ambiguity around our labor market, which will have snowballing effects on our economy. We are currently in communication with [Sablan] and his office so we can work collaboratively to address these issues," the Chamber statement added.

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is spearheading the GRTF as OPD deputy director.

"We have to be realistic with rising costs, given the unstable workforce and prevailing wage issues," he said. "… We also have initial estimates to clean up Garapan, provide a proper drainage system, resurface streets, construct curbs, gutters, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping and all of it is in the millions of dollars."

According to Concepcion, GRTF is working with agency partners to secure federal funding to pay for major infrastructure upgrades. That includes the underground drainage, storm water runoff control, and other basic infrastructure needs.

"This is a multi-phase plan that will take several years to fully complete but we have to start somewhere and now is the time," he said.

The ultimate aim is to transform Garapan into a premier family-friendly destination and affirm its claim as the center of economic activity and the heart of Saipan's tourism industry. "There are too many things to do and not enough time, but we…[are] excited to see things finally progress," said Concepcion.

The first phase of the GRTF plan will cover what's called the "Garapan Core," which covers the area from the American Memorial Park west toward Hyatt Regency Saipan and Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, all of the Hotel Street area, south along Beach Road to T Galleria by DFS and Hard Rock Café. Eventually, improvements would continue toward Kristo Rai Church and all properties in between.

"We deem this area to be crucial for the economy and our tourism industry. …Eventually, we must move into parking, street resurfacing, construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping," Concepcion said.

The OPD is currently is working with former Honolulu mayor Mufi Hannemann and his partners, Waikiki Improvement District Association president Rick Egged and Greg Hirata, to form the Special Improvement District for Garapan. The Special Improvement District will ensure the coordinated management and long-term sustainability of Garapan in terms of physical, economic and cultural environment.

In an earlier interview, Egged said that building Waikiki as a tourist destination took years of learning and development that other places like the CNMI can learn from. "We had to know Waikiki through and through in order to address what needs to be developed and improved on. We recognize that Waikiki Beach is our single and most important asset and so we started really caring for it," he said.

Concepcion said they want to replicate Waikiki's success in Garapan. "Hannemann, Egged, and Hirata have extensive experience dealing with improvement districts and have been very successful in forming the Waikiki Special Improvement District."

"Today you can see the fruits of their labor. Waikiki has become a world-class, must-see destination in and of itself. We aim to replicate that success in Garapan but on a much smaller scale because Waikiki is, of course, much larger," he added.

Concepcion's office, the OPD, is under the Office of the Governor.

SCC meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting will be held today, Aug. 7, at the Seaside Hall of Kanoa Resort, featuring Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, director of the Office of Planning & Development.

Uludong will be speaking about his office's efforts for the community's long-term Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, his continuing work with the International Economic Development Council in the business community's recovery from Super Typhoon Yutu, and his office's Garapan Revitalization initiative.

The Chamber will also provide updates on recent conversations with Delegate Gregorio C. Sablan's office on businesses' concerns with the U.S. Department of Labor/U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' CW renewal timelines. There will be consent case management forms where businesses can use Sablan's office to advocate on behalf of their CW application process. The Chamber is also gathering questions to send to USDOL/USCIS for clarification on the renewal process.

Lunch will be served at 11:30am and the meeting will begin promptly at noon. The fee is $25 for Chamber members and $35 for non-members. The Chamber is accepting reservations of six or more. To reserve your seat or for more information, contact the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipan-chamber.com. ***(PR)***

MLSC probate workshop on Thursday

The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. will be presenting the seventh—and the last—in a series of probate workshops on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, at 3pm at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The topic is wills (the different kinds, how to make one, etc.). The workshop is free and open to the public. ***(PR)***

78 kids learn leadership skills at summer camp

Students recently enhanced their leadership and traditional skills as part of their participation in the 2019 Camp Maga'lahi.

About 78 children learned about swimming, sailing, cultural weaving, banana painting, shoreline restoration, the various conservation areas, the history of the CNMI, and how to identify marine debris.

The camp was made possible with the help of 500 Sails, the Carolinian Affairs Office, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, the American Memorial Park Junior Ranger Program, and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.

"Camp Maga'lahi continues to provide a wonderful experience and opportunity for children to be active and informed during the summer," said Rhonda Gross, a parent. "My children had an amazing time!"

"Our camp has always promoted our islands and the CNMI's rich and diverse history," said Lorenza Aldan, an extension aide for the Family, Community and Youth Development program. "It was a rewarding experience being able to teach our campers this year."

The summer camp was hosted by 4-H Marianas in partnership with the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Services – FCYD program.

For more information about 4-H Marianas programs, visit the NMC-CREES website at crees.marianas.edu or on Facebook and Instagram @4HMarianas. ***(PR)***

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TOMORROW, Thursday, August 8
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Nominations now open for Bridge of Light awardee

In an effort to honor and thank those who have helped the CNMI community, the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is soliciting nominations for this year's Bridge of Light Award.

The award is given each year to honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of one extraordinary individual or community hero who has worked diligently to provide safety for the community, to work to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and to be a "Bridge of Light" for victims and survivors in the CNMI.

The nominee may be a service provider, first responder, representative, or volunteer at one or more eligible agencies, organizations or offices in the CNMI, and who has been there for a minimum of one year. The nominee must also show dedication and effort in the areas of leadership, service, advocacy for victims, prevention, community education or mobilization, and resource development.

Nominations may be submitted by a victim or survivor; a member, representative, and/or volunteer of NMCADSV and/or the Family Violence Task Force; or an employee, representative, and/or volunteer at eligible CNMI agencies, organizations, or offices.

To verify if an agency, organization, or office may nominate, contact NMCADSV at (670) 234-3878 or email info@endviolencenmi.org.

Nominations may be submitted online through https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=uYY_2FpGIXfgbIyABgKeXjcA_3D_3D. Hard copy nomination forms may also be submitted to the NMCADSV office located in Suite 206 of the Marina Heights I Building in Puerto Rico, Saipan during hours of operation (Monday through Friday, from 9am to 5pm).

Those nominating should be as detailed and thorough as possible on the form to show why their nominee is deserving of the award as those evaluating nominations will consider nominees based on the information provided.

The deadline to submit completed nomination forms is 11:59pm on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019.

The recipient of the 2019 Bridge of Light Award will be announced at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation signing ceremony in October.

Past recipients include Department of Public Safety officer Flora Aguon, Karidat Social Services executive director Lauri B. Ogumoro, Division of Youth Services social worker Mildred W. Sikebert, Karidat Social Services counselor Elaine C. Dela Cruz, Ayuda Network Inc. executive director Diana Camacho, and, most recently, Attorney General Office victim advocate John Aguon.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the coalition at (670) 234-3878 or email info@endviolencenmi.org. ***(PR)***

CHCC reminds public to take precautions vs mosquitos

As the rainy season gets going, mosquito populations are likely to increase. Although there are currently no outbreaks of mosquito-borne illnesses in the CNMI, dengue fever outbreaks have been declared in the Philippines, Palau, and, most recently, Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia. Now is the time to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes and remove areas where mosquitos breed.

The Bureau of Environmental Health of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Program, part of the Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program, have the following recommendations:

■ Empty water from containers around your home and workplace, including tires, toys, buckets,

■ Coconuts, soda cans, flower pots, pet bowls; anything that can hold water, even very small amounts such as the tops of soda bottles, should be emptied and prevented from filling again in the rain if possible.

■ Flush out holes in trees and plants.

■ Keep your yard clean and drain puddles.

■ Clean roof gutters to make sure rain does not accumulate and can drain out properly.

■ Cover or screen rain collection barrels

■ Fix leaking pipes outside.

Speak to your neighbors and help them empty or remove water containers.

Avoid being bitten by mosquitos:

■ Make sure your windows and doors have well-fitting screens with no gaps or holes; fix any holes in your screens.

■ Close doors and windows and use air-conditioning if you have it, especially during dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active.

■ Use approved mosquito repellants containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon-Eucalyptus, or Para-Methane-Diol. Do not use these two products on children younger than 3 years old, and always read product instruction labels before use.

■ Dress in long sleeves and pants when possible, particularly at dawn and dusk when mosquitos are most active.

■ Cover strollers and baby cribs with mosquito netting.

For more information about how to control mosquitos, contact the BEH at (670) 664-4870/72/73, or email the Director of the BEH, John Tagabuel, at john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp.

For more information about CHCC programs, follow it on Facebook and Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out its website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call (670) 234-8950. ***(PR)***

Financial aid workshop on Friday

Northern Marianas College is inviting those looking for financial aid to attend the FAFSA Workshop on Friday, Aug. 9, 2019. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the form used for applying to the federal financial aid program.

Team members from NMC's Financial Aid Office will help workshop participants fill the online application form and also answer questions about the financial aid program. The workshop will consist of three sessions at 9am, 10am, and 11am, at NMC's computer lab in Building V in room V108.

Space is limited for the workshop. Reserve a spot in one of the three sessions by emailing Financial Aid director Daisy Propst at daisy.propst@marianas.edu or by calling the Financial Aid Office at (670) 237-6791, 6793, or 6794.

Parents and students who are attending the FAFSA workshop should know their social security number, and bring copies of their 2017 income tax returns and their 2017 W-2 (if not filing) to the workshop.

Those who fill out the FAFSA may be able to qualify for the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Financial Aid program. The Federal Financial Aid program is the largest financial aid provider in the U.S. through its various types of grants, loans, and scholarships.

In addition to the FAFSA workshop, NMC will also be hosting a free information session from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. on Thursday, Aug. 8, at the NMC Olympio T. Borja Library at the college's As Terlaje campus.

Those who attend will also qualify to receive a waiver of NMC's admission application fee and placement test fees—a savings of up to $75.

More information about the information session and/or applying to NMC can be found by contacting the Office of Admissions and Records at (670) 237-6770, emailing oar@marianas.edu or visiting www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice
P.O. Box 502165, Saipan MP 96950
Telephone (670) 236-9715 Facsimile (670)236-9702

INVITATION TO BID
ITB19-JUDICIARY-03
GUMA' HUSTISIA SKYLIGHT PROJECT

The Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed bids for the Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice ("Guma' Hustisia") Skylight Project. This project involves the demolition of existing skylights and its replacement with concrete caps and skylights for the Guma' Hustisia located at Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950.

A copy of the bid package may be obtained by visiting the Accounting Services Unit's Cashier Window, located next to the main entrance to the Guma' Hustisia, between **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, Monday to Friday, excluding observed holidays, upon registration completion. The bid package also contains architectural-engineering drawings and specifications that must be retrieved online at www.justice.gov.mp. For website issues preventing access, please contact Martha Mendiola, Program and Resource Specialist, at martha.mendiola@justice.gov.mp.

Sealed bids, containing one (1) original and three (3) copies must be placed in an envelope marked "ITB19-Judiciary-03, Skylight Project," and submitted in person to the Accounting Services Unit Cashier Window, located next to the Guma' Hustisia's main entrance, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, no later than **2:00 p.m. on August 15, 2019 (ChSt)**.

Bid Opening. Bids will be publicly opened and read at **3:00 p.m. on August 15, 2019**, at the Judiciary's conference room located at the Guma' Hustisia.

Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference. A mandatory pre-bid conference followed by a site visit is scheduled for **10:00 a.m. on July 31, 2019** at the Judiciary's conference room located at the Guma' Hustisia.

Bid Security. A *Bid Security* of fifteen (15%) of the total bid price must accompany bids. Bid security must be in a bid bond, in cash, by certified check or cashier's check. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. *If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).* (ICC may take up to 5 business days).

Bonds. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred percent (100%) and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price must be furnished by the successful bidder within five (5) business days of contract execution. The Payment and Performance bonds must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI").

Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC). Bidders shall submit a clearance from the CNMI Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Surety Questions. Questions and concerns on authorized Surety must be directed to the OIC.

Project Questions. All questions regarding ITB19-Judiciary-03 must be submitted via email to Budget and Finance Director John T. Villagomez at john.villagomez@justice.gov.mp by 12:00 p.m. on August 2, 2019. Responses will be provided to all registered, prospective bidders via email no later than August 8, 2019.

Performance Period. The performance period for this project is sixty (60) calendar days, beginning with the date a Notice to Proceed is issued.

All bids received shall become the sole property of the Judiciary. The Judiciary reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Judiciary.

Bidding procedures will be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
CHIEF JUSTICE

/s/JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ
BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR

Saipan Awaodori piques Japan TV crew's interest

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Saipan Awaodori Team poses with members of another group in last Saturday's Higashirinkan Festival in Tokyo, Japan

Members of the Saipan Awaodori Team potentially secured valuable airtime to promote the CNMI in the small screen after being interviewed at the Narita International Airport by the crew of the TV program *Why Did You Come to Japan?*

"The producers interviewed our members and were intrigued by them, which led the TV crew to follow the Saipan Awaodori Team to a practice session in Koenji," said Sonia Siwa, the group's coordinator.

The TV crew interviewed and took videos of the Saipan team before, during, and after practice and even followed them walking the streets of Koenji and going to dinner. The TV crew did another interview with the team after dinner.

The TV crew is expected to film the Saipan team at the Koenji Awaodori Festival.

Why Did You Come to Japan? is a popular program on TV Tokyo and is hosted by the comedy duo known as Bananaman made up of Osamu Shitara and Yūki Himura.

The Saipan team members—Tyvieann They, Vianny Mettao, Marcela Heben, Audie Ostonal, Sheena Saures, and Jessie Serrano—will be in Japan for a month. A seventh member, Virginia Imperial, will arrive in Japan in Aug. 13.

"Coming from a very small island, they are amazed by the crowded streets, the vehicles, which the driving wheel of the car is on the opposite side, the huge amusement park such as Tokyo Dome, the amazing and delicious food, the hospitality of the Japanese people, riding the busy trains, and they are most amazed by the cleanliness," she said.

The Saipan Awaodori Team already performed at the Kitamachi Tokyo Awaodori Festival last July 27, the Hibiya Oedo Tokyo Festival last July 28, and the Higashirinkan Festival in Tokyo last Aug. 3 and are now gearing up for the 61st Koenji Awaodri Festival on Aug. 25 and 26.

Saipan Awaodori Team is coordinated by PDM Promoters Inc., a CNMI non-profit corporation. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

$2.9M coastal road project breaks ground on Rota

The Department of Public Works has broken ground for the $2,907,133.14 coastal road project on Rota, which connects the island's airport to the villages of Sinapalo and Songsong.

"A common route for the people of Rota, this 9.5 miles of road project from the airport to the villages will eliminate the hazards and provide for safer travels," said Public Works Secretary James Ada at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig said the project connects villages but also leads to many tourist destinations that would benefit the tourism economy.

Acting governor Arnold I. Palacios added that this project is a great improvement to an important road for the people of Rota.

"Route 10 will ensure safety, comfort, and convenience from Songsong to Sinapalo and an overall investment into the infrastructure of Rota," he said.

From the left to right, Office of Planning and Development director Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong, project manager Isagani Salazar, director Peter Camacho, DPW Secretary James Ada, Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, Rota DPW resident director Vanessa Charfauros, Rota Municipal Council vice chair Luisa Manglona, Rota Municipal Council chair Anthony Barcinas, Sen. Paul Manglona, and Danny Ganacias of Radiocom.

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The project, which is slated for completion in 2020, is funded by the Federal Highway Administration. The project links to other existing routes on Rota, making a circumferential link around the island.

The project consists of eliminating hazards along Route 10 for approximately 9.5 miles from the airport intersection to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power plant where the pavement ends. The scope of work involves road repair, anti-skid overlay on curves, installation of guardrails, traffic signs, and road pavement markers. ***(PR)***

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Tanya Saures
WIC Participant

WIC CNMI

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Power 99, IT&E donate $5K each to 24th TOC

As part of both their efforts to support community projects and events, Power 99 and IT&E have signed on as gold sponsors for the 24th Annual Governor's Tournament of Champions on Aug. 10 and 11, 2019.

Both companies have contributed in-kind donations of more than $5,000 for this year's tournament.

"The Tournament of Champions has always been a success because of the generosity of companies like Power 99 and IT&E," said Ben Babauta, TOC tournament director. "We are extremely thankful for their support this year."

The 24th Governor's Tournament of Champions will be played at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's east and west courses on Aug. 10 and 11, 2019. The two-day event is bigger with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is $200.

Winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior flights will each receive $500 cash, $400 cash, $300 cash, a Casio watch, and $100 DFS gift certificate for the first to fifth place, respectively. The Ladies Low Gross winners will receive $500, $400, and $300 cash for first to third place, respectively. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will each receive a trophy.

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IT&E staff and 24th Governor's Tournament of Champions committee members pose with the $5,000 check donation.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of prizes are at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes that include a brand new 2019 Mazda CX-5 Sport and a 2019 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross donated by Triple J Motors, a Nissan Frontier donated by Joeten Motors, one year of free golf donated by Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, and other prizes that will be announced in the coming days. There will also be thousands of dollars' worth in other prizes that include mobile devices, gift certificates, and more.

Platinum sponsors include T Galleria, Triple J Motors, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, Marianas Visitor's Authority, and Chivas Regal.

Other Gold Sponsors include Chong's Corp., Blue Stone Management, Hyatt Regency Saipan, RNV Construction, Joeten Motors, Bridge Capital (CNMI) LLC, TanHoldings, McDonald's Saipan, Guam Auto Spot, Nike, Saipan Computer Services, and Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2019 TOC, contact Marie Sablan at 236-2572 or Amanda Ramon at 236- 2530. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan.com. ***(PR)***

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Power 99 announces its in-kind donation of $5,000 to the 24th Governor's Tournament of Champions. The tournament will be held on Aug. 10 and 11, 2019.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ NO.: RFQ19-MOT-115

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 14, 2019 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ EDWIN P. ALDAN
MAYOR OF TINIAN & AGUIGUAN

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-19-031

SAN VICENTE WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Construction of San Vicente Water Tank Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consist of removal of existing 0.5 million gallon steel tank, yard piping, concrete vaults, and all other appurtenances; one (1) additional boring at the center of the existing tank; design and construction of the new 0.75 million gallon pre-stressed concrete water tank and foundation; installation of new water tank piping, valve vaults, control valves, and other appurtenances; construction of new perimeter security fencing and facility lighting; construction of new asphalt concrete access road; and installation of temporary storage tanks at the San Vicente Tank site. The project also includes installation of PSV station with flowmeter at the Dandan Tank site. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **August 21, 2019** at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-19-031, San Vicente Water Tank Replacement Project"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 9:00 AM (ChST) September 6, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on **August 22, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Kirztie Reyes, Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address kirztie.reyes@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior – christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

IPI affiliates ask why CCC wants to be in federal court

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REPORTER

Reiterating their position that the case is procedurally odd, two subsidiaries of the Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC are questioning why the Commonwealth Casino Commission, which is a local government entity, is begging to be in federal court in connection with IPI's lawsuit, despite regulations providing for exclusive jurisdiction in the CNMI Superior Court.

In their motion filed Monday to return IPI's lawsuit against CCC to the Superior Court, IPI subsidiaries Grand Marianas (CNMI) LLC and Imperial Pacific Properties LLC, said the entirety of their claims require a determination of state law before the federal law is even addressed.

Grand Marianas and Imperial Pacific Properties, through counsel Matthew T. Gregory and Braddock J. Huesman, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to abstain from determining the federal issues and remand the case, in whole or in part, to the Superior Court.

In IPI's separate motion filed Monday for remand, IPI counsel Viola Alepuyo and Phillip J. Tydingco asserted that the law and the facts justify returning their claims, if not their lawsuit, to the Superior Court.

In making their case, Alepuyo and Tydingco cited the forum selection clause, the abstention doctrines of Pullman and Burford, abstention under Covenant, and the lack of supplemental jurisdiction and/or declining to exercise supplemental jurisdiction.

Under the Pullman doctrine, a federal court may abstain or choose not to hear a case, until the state law question can be resolved in state court.

The Burford abstention doctrine essentially concerns protecting complex state administrative processes from undue federal interference.

IPI filed the lawsuit in June to prevent the CCC from publicly disclosing IPI's audited financial information in response to Rep. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan) Open Government Act request. Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo granted IPI's TRO request.

Last month, CCC moved to transfer IPI's complaint to the U.S. District Court. District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona subsequently extended the TRO to tomorrow, Thursday, since there was a lot of materials in the case that she had to look over.

In their motion to remand, Gregory and Huesman said the due process claims of Grand Marianas and Imperial Pacific Properties are dependent on interpretation of state law and whether or not their records are confidential.

If, for example, the subsidiaries' records do not qualify as protected under either the Commission Act or the CNMI Open Government Act, then they have no federal claim, Gregory and Huesman said.

If, however, the subsidiaries' records are protected and the Commonwealth Casino Commission released them, then a due process right becomes immediately apparent, they added.

Gregory and Huesman said when CCC decided to give itself a home-court advantage in the CNMI by drafting and publishing regulations requiring that all issues with the casino license it grants be resolved within the "exclusive jurisdiction" of the CNMI court, they waived the ability to remove the case to federal court.

Gregory and Huesman said if the federal court is not inclined to remand based on waiver, the subsidiaries would urge the court to remand the case, in part or in whole, based on abstention.

In IPI's motion to remand, Alepuyo and Tydingco said the forum selection clause in this case is not only a mandatory contractual provision, but it is also an enforceable CCC regulation.

Alepuyo and Tydingco said the dominant and central focus of this litigation involved whether CCC can lawfully disclose certain tax and financial information of the Saipan exclusive casino licensee, IPI, under the Open Government Act, the Commonwealth Gaming Act and Commonwealth tax laws.

The lawyers said whether disclosure of such information comports with IPI's exclusive casino license involves an interpretation of the casino license.

Woman pleads not guilty to bank fraud

A woman pleaded not guilty plea yesterday to allegations that she stole $12,208 from her mother's savings account in the bank.

Janee Marie Famy Babauta pleaded not guilty in federal court to an indictment charging her with one count of bank fraud. Her jury trial will take place on Oct. 8, 2019.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy allowed Babauta to remain free until then but with conditions, including drug testing.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe, counsel for the U.S. government, did not object to Babauta's temporary release.

Bruce Berline is the court-appointed counsel for Babauta.

According to the indictment, between March 20 and April 15, 2019, Babauta gained access to her mother's savings account and stole $12,208 from it. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Looking for a job? Want to learn new skills?

Precinct 2 Reps. Christina Sablan and John Paul Sablan invite the public to attend the CNMI's first-ever Opportunity Expo at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10am to 6pm. The event is free and all are welcome.

The expo aims to connect residents with the wide array of opportunities and resources available to them to better their lives, their families, and the community. The representatives are working in collaboration with numerous partners, including local businesses, government agencies, and nonprofits.

"We've invited participating organizations to share information about the opportunities they offer for personal and professional development," Tina Sablan said. "These include job openings, small business support, volunteer service, education and training programs, resources for individuals with disabilities, help for addiction recovery, and more."

Some participating organizations have indicated they will be conducting interviews or accepting applications onsite, so job seekers are asked to come to the expo with their resumes.

"I encourage everyone to come out and experience this opportunity," John Paul Sablan said. "And I thank the community partners, local businesses, government agencies, and nonprofits who will be participating in this exciting event."

For more information about the expo, or to sign up as a participating organization, contact the Office of Rep. Tina Sablan at 664-8829 or rep.sablanc@cnmileg.gov.mp, or the Office of Rep. John Paul Sablan at 664-8965 or jpsablan4@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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Hours of madness in America

A murderous madness broke out in America the weekend of Aug. 3, extending from El Paso, Texas, to Dayton, Ohio, 13 hours later. Two shootings, two inexplicable events. Many dead.

This is a shock for the country, but one that's too familiar: A gunman chooses to commit violence against innocent people, against anyone in range. The gunman selects the time and place and then seeks to kill and injure as many as possible in moments.

It happened in Texas and Ohio, and a version of events happened in Chicago too. Soon after the Dayton shooting, someone on the West Side started firing at a group of people at Douglas Park. Chicago police said seven people were sent to the hospital with bullet wounds.

In El Paso, a 21-year-old man armed with a rifle went on a rampage in a Walmart store after 10 a.m. local time, slaughtering at least 20 people, injuring 26 more, police said. The shooting went on for minutes. The store was crowded, the shopping area filled with as many as 3,000 people. The suspect is in custody.

Americans went to bed Saturday night troubled by the carnage in El Paso and awoke Sunday to news of more bloodshed attached to another city's name: Dayton. Around 1 a.m. local time Sunday, an armed man began shooting outside a bar in a popular entertainment area. Police said the 24-year-old shooter, wearing body armor, killed nine people and injured dozens. The shooter is dead.

On cable news television, the talk between anchors and experts shifted from possible motives to "soft targets," a concept of vulnerability that has become part of the everyday vernacular in America. Schools are soft targets, as are offices, shopping areas, nightclubs and outdoor festivals. All have been targeted by mass shooters. Last weekend, a gunman opened fire on the crowd at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in California, killing three and injuring 13.

What kind of evil compels a perpetrator to harm and kill many strangers? Heinous acts of gun violence are neither rational nor predictable. Authorities in El Paso said they identified a rant-filled online "manifesto" they suspect was written by the alleged shooter and posted minutes before the gunfire started. The language suggested the shooting was a hate crime, El Paso police Chief Greg Allen said.

In Dayton on Sunday, investigators searched for leads that might explain the shooter's decision to massacre partiers. The gunman's use of body armor suggests a planned attack, a decision to do violence. Police took him down within moments. Among the dead was the suspect's sister.

There will be many more discussions about El Paso and Dayton. About the availability of firearms of all types, and the willingness of some people to use them. America needs to deal with its propensity for gun violence and the availability of weaponry. Our belief is that there are steps Congress can take to reduce the opportunities for armed villains to kill. They include universal background checks and limits on magazine capacity. The Second Amendment guarantee that individuals have the right to own guns complicates restriction efforts.

But there is something else in play in America that needs

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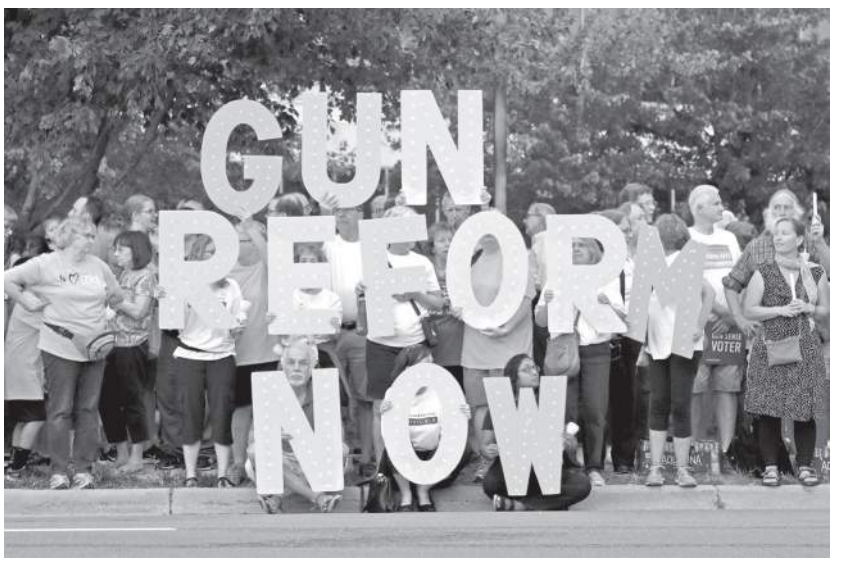
Mass shootings require political response

By LELAND NALLY
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Aug. 3 was a historic day for the United States. In the morning, 20 people were killed and more than 25 others injured in a mass shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas. (As of Monday afternoon, the death toll had risen to 22.) Later Saturday night, nine people were killed and 27 injured in another mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio.



AP
People gather at a vigil for recent victims of gun violence outside the National Rifle Association's headquarters building, Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, in Fairfax, Va.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, these were the 250th and 251st mass shootings—defined as any gun incident in which four or more people are injured or killed—so far in 2019.

Following the El Paso shooting, just hours before another would take place, the political response fell cleanly on partisan lines. Democrats were calling out Republicans for their inaction on gun reform, and pundits on the right were pulling out their go-to strategy of shaming Democrats for "politicizing" the tragedy.

For instance, hours after the El Paso shooting, Fox News commentator Steve Rogers was shaming Democrats for calling for new gun laws, saying "now is not the time to politicize a horrific incident like this." Texas Gov. Greg Abott, who was endorsed by the NRA and currently has an A rating, said in front of cameras "we need to focus more on memorials before we start the politics."

This is a favorite technique of the Republicans, designed to paint Democrats as disrespectful of the mourning process by "using" these mass shootings to push forward their political agenda.

The absurdity here is that in a world where there's a mass shooting in the morning and a mass shooting in the evening, there seems to be never any time at all in which it's appropriate to talk about gun control. Instead, opponents of gun control are making the ridiculous assertion that our political agenda should not be informed by an increasing number of public mass murders.

Let me be clear: "Putting politics aside" is the most disrespectful thing to do in the face of a mass shooting. Ignoring the political reality that affects gun violence outcomes is not a form of mourning; it is simply a way to block efforts to keep them from happening again.

If you're not pursuing actual material change in a world where mass murders come in pairs, your words are empty.

Mass shootings in the United States are a public health crisis, one that it will take politics to address. Our present "solutions"—sending children to school with bullet-proof backpacks, watching test scores and enrollment drop following school shootings, and traumatizing children with active shooter drills—all constitute an absurd normalization of nightmarish mass murder at the expense of politics.

A staggering 97% of U.S. residents support requiring background checks for gun purchases. If you polled the roundness of the Earth, you might not hit 97 percent. But Republicans have instead pushed in the opposite direction, with Mitch McConnell blocking the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, which passed the House earlier this year and would require such background checks.

The dysfunction of the government is nowhere as clear as in its gun policies, and this bad-faith moralizing by Republicans is their last-ditch effort to retain control of a position that is radically out of sync with the American people. They want to continue taking money from the National Rifle Association and passing laws that explicitly protect gun manufacturers.

Republicans want you to believe that gun violence is just an elemental force of the universe, not a growing phenomenon that is happening specifically in America and that is within our power to prevent. Don't let them.

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Finattun Ha`ane

Guaha `nai ha gacha`yu` silensiu ha`ani-hu. Hu ekuñgug ñaihon kontodu tinayuyot pot katma. Dispues `nai hu rikonose gaseta siha gi Internet.

Finattun silensiu guaha `nai nachatsaga. Pot ihemplo: Mafattu gi hinassota famaguonta ni mangaige chagu` lugat pot edukasion. Ta agañg dispues para ta asegura na todu mauleg.

I silensiu sumede hit sumeha un` ratu para ta repara todu asuntu. Manu `nai kulan guaha finatsu un` limienda piot gi relasionmu yan che`lu `sino haye na kilisyanu. Tatnai lache amtau na inafamauleg antes de minachum atdau.

Este lokue` sumede espiritun man-mofona bisitasion gi oran deskansu. Señat na ha nesessita i kilisyanu orasion. Tatnai mahñau tinayuyothu guine na patte. Mauleg `in hahassu siha gi tinayuyot miyu.

Pinadese

Gi mismu tiempu mafattu gi hinassog-hu pinadesen kase 15-mit na empleau ni gumagana suetdun popble.

Kuatdiba ha`anen niha man-ensinahyau para umana nahuñge nesessidat familia deste neñkanu` yan otru siha manpresisu na asuntu.

Makat na mattiru ya hu komprende kada pahina guine na lepblu pot hagas hu taitai gi hinibenhu guihe na tiempu `nai sumen popble i tanu`.

Inapagat

Hu sen agradese antes estoria `sino inapagat mañainata ni mafattu gi hechuran motmut pinasensia. Hana` magem sentimentota `nai ha sede hit umekuñgug yan umosge finu` saina.

Ginen este `nai un` li`e piniten saina gi patgon. `Nai sumahñge hau `nai mas anog na mansattun mañainamu gi todu hinanaumu. Namagof `nai todu felis kareramu.

Lau ayu-yu` kumokone` na finu` saina i pasensia yan suabe na inapagat `nai ha adiñganeyu kumu patgon. Agradesiyun na inapagat ni muna magem korasonta ya hita mismu tachage pumetsige haf` dinanche kumu famaguon.

Ekuñgug

`An un` tuñgu` umekuñgug pues libianu un` komprende asuntu ni un` diskukute yan prohimumu. Guaha respetu gi amtau na fina` konbetsasion. Ni achog ti umafagcha` hinassun miyu lau respetau konbetsasion miyu.

I bintahan chatparehu hinassu i nina`e hau kampu lumi`e haf`i difirensia. Gi hilu` este `nai un` ta`lun umanalisa i asuntu pot mas kinemprende maseha ti umakonfotma hamyu na dos. Dispues, tihu hassu ma-entrega na i hinassoghu i solu dinanche.

Gi hilu` pinasensia `nai tasoda` kabales haf` i asuntu. Hombre `an kahulu` i atdau `an oga`an siempre umachum gi sanlagu: ha`ane yan pueñge.

Asuntu

I maribahan ekonomia kontodu fondu gi kaha ha utut sin ditensión. Gai atburotu pot menus fondu para i nesessidatta siha guine.

`An mas didog yan seriosu este na chinatsaga fuetsau siempre ma-utut setbisiu yan oran empleau. Makat pot mangai familia i los probes `nai kontodu obligasion tat kumu apas guma`, neñkanu`, kareta yan otru siha nesessidat mañasaunau guine na kuentas.

Adelantu gaige gi homlu` na kinalamten bisnis guine--ekonomia. I fondu ginen inapasen niha kontribusion i magagasta para nesessidat setbisiu siha guine. Hafa planun miyu pot adelantun monedan familia? Siña `in daña`e i publiku guine na puntu?

Un` Amku`

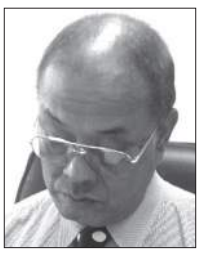
Gigon man-mata `an oga`an muna` loglug kafe dispues matachoñg man-atan ñaihon antes de una` fañochu i pinegsai siha. Ha rikonose yan regan ñaihon i hatdin.

`An mattuyu` manbisita, sige ham dispues kumonbetsasion pot finaposña i amku` gi tiempon Japones.

Mina` guiya hu fa` amigu pot sen tai atburotu yan humiddi hinanauña diariamente. Manu i guaha ha apprubecha.

Ha estoriaye-yu` haf` sessu offisioña `nai hohoben-gue`. Megaiña besis na che`chu` gualu` ha usune pot man-lancheru mañainaña. Bes enkuando ha dalalag i amku` tumalaya `sino tekin. "Hasan cho`chu` moseria gi tiempun Japones mina` pinat gualu` yan tasi i natibu `nai ma-usune mantension familia", he esplika i amku`. "Enfin, man-felis hinanau `nai in` usune haf` guaha".

"Magahet na sin ditension todu man-eyag man-mananum gi gualu` `sino fina` hatdin gi tatten guma`", segun i amku`. "Todu para un` apprubecha debi hagu mismu un` usune entalu` mananum `sino mamogsai". Pa`gu `an para cheflan lodu` yan yeñgyuñg addeñg pues kontodu neñkanu` gi lamasan sena appenas.



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I un` asuntu ni umahnanau tihu komprende i sineyu` tinanum `aggun haya `nai diariu hinegsa` maplalanta gi lamasa. Mañgge` gualu` fa`e` `sino pugas? Un` lanchu solu `nai husoda` tinanum fa`e`. Ti umaya i machoneg na pinetsige gi gualu` yan usun familia diariu gi hechuran hinegsa`.

Gineftau

Dispues de umatuñgu` ham pot mas ke dies añus ha faisenyu` i amiguhu haf` na taya` `nai hu kopbla salape` tautau siha ni hu ayuda gi asuntun niha deste papet tanu` yan dibusion propiadat familia.

Hu oppe na taigue giya guahu mañgopbla prohimu-hu pot ayuduhu. Gaige gi hinasoghu futtunan famaguonhu. Puede guaha lokue` parehu ayudu para haye na patgonhu ginacha` chatsaga ha`aniña. Poresu na geftauyu` man-ayuda gi maseha haye na kilisyanu munessesita ausiliu.

Megai gi ayudu-hu para i mas mannamase` na tautauta mina` tihu lañgag tumasa setbisioghu nu siha. Pot inañgoghu na guahu mafalague gi oran nesessidat niha. Ti listuyu` umaminasa ayu na inañgoghu.

Dispues manhoñgeyu` na i Saina sen man-apase. Guaha ha` para guahu ginen i sumen geftau na kanaiña. Adahe na un` malefa ni tinayuyotmu diariu!

Food for Thought: Nursery Rhyme Naught

Old is new for Little Boy Blue who likes Mother Goose too

1 Potato 2 Potato 3 Potato Not

One potato 2 potato 3 potatoes hot
one fish taco two beef tacos
three veggie tacos more
five burritos six Cheetos hot
seven days tummy sore
ate chimichangas gas last
night till nine too much
cerveza will help till ten then

Three Blind Mice Not

Three blind taste mice every
Monday red beans and rice
splash hot sauce splash more nice
cooked with Louisiana sausage hot
all morning long in a big old pot
some red beans and rice advice
keep the burner gas flames low

Peas Porridge Hot Pot Not

oat meal porridge if you please
steel cut Irish oats served hot
not too tasty frozen or cold
add honey or maple syrup and milk
for a filling breakfast meal of old

Hey Diddle Diddle Not

hot griddle griddle, the grease is in the pan
scrambled eggs omelette and bacon
silver dollar pancakes for woman and man
yellow corn bread in the oven bakin
whipped cream on strawberry shortcaken

Jack and Jill Not

Juan and Julia went up the hill
to a birthday party and had their fill
chocolate pudding in their dream
with a bowl of chocolate mint ice cream
melting on a cool carrot birthday cake
gingerbread man cookies on the bake

Little Boy Blew His Horn Not

Little boy blew his horn not quite yet morn
the cows were already in the meadow

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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and yes one heifer had a wrinkly horn
and afternoons when the sun cast its shadow
it made that cow look like a spotted unicorn.
Little Boy Blue is using the avoidance approach
with the Little Old Lady Who Lives In a Shoe
he's also on the outs with Little Miss Muffet
he asked Mary Mary how does your garden grow
she said well Juana and I have a bumper crop
here I'll let you try some light it up and puff it
if you get the munchies no need to save the roach.

Smile or Die? Gotta Wonder Why

"Gray skies are gonna clear up put on a happy face, brush off the clouds and cheer up, put on a happy face."
—lyric excerpt from a 1960 Broadway musical, Bye Bye Birdie.

Does the power of positive thinking leave you blinking
do you think when things go bad you have to smile
sometimes life is just a sour lemon your prospects sinking
so why not let that contemporary reality sink in for a while.

When things go wrong they may never go back right
they will go back to something as they move ahead
what that will be may well be a long time out of sight
and may not come to realization till after you're dead.

Face up to reality, deal with it when it comes your way
there's no need for you to constantly "put on a happy face"
progressive and positive thinking has its time and place
grab the bull by the horns help yourself make it through the day.

No need to constantly smile or say 'I'm blessed' or 'your blessed'
keep flexible philosophically let barefaced reality be
confessed.

HOURS

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to be confronted beyond the availability of guns. It is the rage that compels some people to cause mass, indiscriminate harm.

The madness of gun violence is something we lament and seek answers to in Chicago. Here, gang and drug trade-related shootings too frequently mean gun barrages that kill and wound multiple people. A little more than a week ago, two mothers were cut down by bullets on the South Side. They were standing at an intersection regularly occupied by a group called Mothers Against Senseless Killings.

And then in Chicago early Sunday morning—yes, within an hour of the Dayton shooting—someone in a passing vehicle opened fire on people in Douglas Park, sending seven people to the hospital with gunshot wounds. It was a warm night. People were out late barbecuing. Three women, four men, all between the ages of 19 and 25, were struck with bullets around 1:20 a.m. They were soft targets.

Comparisons invite brutal scrutiny because they're never quite right. True enough. Causality is a complex question. But whatever our problems as a society, some of them stem some from, or create, a grievous and callous rage in some. An angry person with access to weapons represents a particular type of danger in the United States. In El Paso and Pittsburgh. In a Texas church and another in South Carolina. In a Florida school and a Florida nightclub. And on the streets of Chicago.

There will always be guns in America, legal and otherwise. It is part of the culture of this country. But what, if anything, can be done to deal with the anger? It's a troubling question in part because it's so immense. Yet it's undeniable.

There is a streak of madness of America causing the country great harm. In El Paso, in Dayton, and in Chicago.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Breezy with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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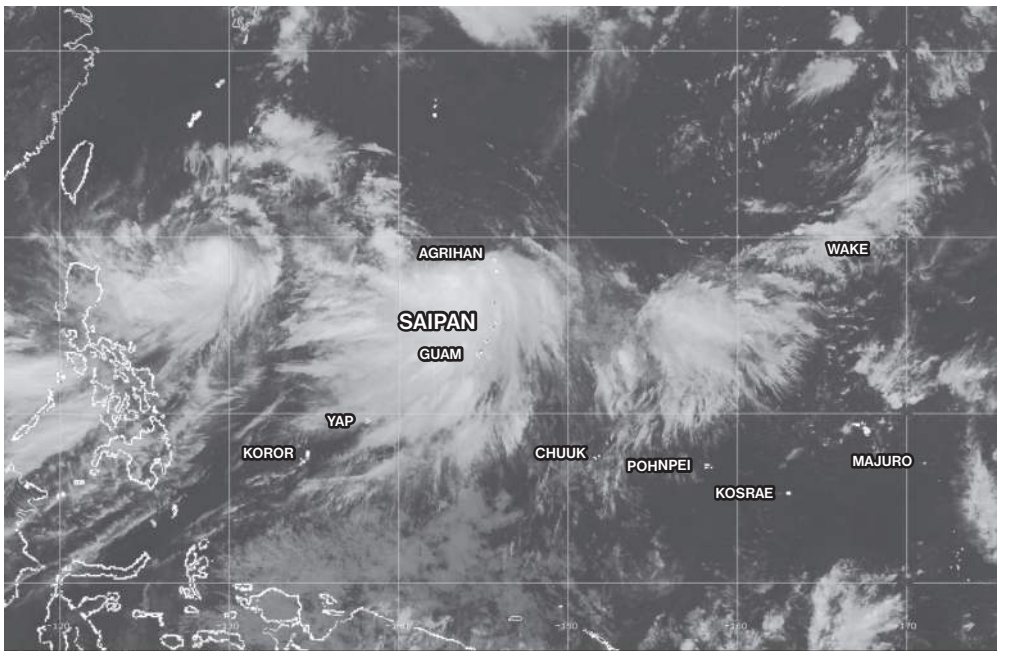

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MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 77°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 75°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 75°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	88° / 82°

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	57° / 52°
Beijing	Showers	90° / 73°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	91° / 82°
Honolulu	Showers	88° / 78°
London	Partly Cloudy	79° / 61°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	82° / 67°
Manila	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°
Melbourne	Showers	57° / 45°
Miami	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
New York	Thunderstorms	86° / 74°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	97° / 81°
Paris	Showers	79° / 61°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	88° / 79°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	93° / 73°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	90° / 72°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	62° / 54°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	91° / 75°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	93° / 79°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	92° / 72°

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12:19 AM	LOW TIDE	2.11
7:04 AM	HIGH TIDE	0.63
12:51 PM	LOW TIDE	1.73
6:53 PM	HIGH TIDE	0.81

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:00 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM	6:44 PM
Friday	6:00 AM	6:43 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:42 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	11:47 AM	11:48 PM	-
Thursday	12:42 PM	-	-
Friday	-	12:33 AM	1:37 PM
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	10:00am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	1, 2, 3, 5, 7
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:25pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	8:12am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	8:12am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
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2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

The Pacific Supply spreads the island vibe

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The Pacific Supply team—office manager Raquel Borja-Aguon and creative design/artist Vincent Aguon—at their shop on Middle Road across J's Restaurant.

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"We want for customers to feel welcomed, relaxed and comfortable when they enter the store," said TPS office manager Raquel Borja-Aguon.

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The Pacific Supply features the brand "The Undeniable," which is the original collaboration between Vincent Aguon and his brother.

White sand, crystal-clear blue waters, coconut trees that sway with the wind, and a community that's both positive and warm—all set on an island. Where else is that but Saipan? And capturing that island vibe is what The Pacific Supply clothes shop is gunning for.

TPS office manager Raquel Borja-Aguon said that that is what TPS is all about: "To give the people of Saipan and the Marianas the opportunity to find lifestyle shirts or easywear that you can just grab and go."

The store opened on July 26 and is located on Middle Road, across J's Restaurant. "You can come in and you don't have to have a specific style because our shirts basically represent the beach lifestyle, which says, 'Welcome to the good life' and, in this good life, everyone is comfortable, free, and just chill."

Borja-Aguon said that they also have an international line of shirt designs that highlights Japan, Korea, and China. "We really do not have a specific target market as we have shirts that reach out to the local and tourist markets," she said.

The Pacific Supply is open to every age group, Borja-Aguon said. "We are as we are not limiting what you can wear here."

The idea of opening TPS got started after Borja-Aguon and her husband moved back to Saipan from the U.S. mainland. She said her husband and his brother—TPS creative designer and artist Vincent Aguon—first came up with a brand called "The Undeniable" here on Saipan many years ago.

"When we moved back, we decided to open something different, which is TPS today featuring 'The Undeniable' brand in the store. Since we are family, we decided to work together," Boja-Aguon added.

If TPS shirts give out island vibes, "The Undeniable" apparels are statement shirts that brings out a more personal sense of style. "We try to do limited runs because everyone has a different style. It's not tailored to a certain type of people but rather, we cater to a group of people who have a specific style, like something as simple as the "Hafa Adai' shirt," Vincent Aguon said.

TPS also encourages artists, whether musical, performing arts, or creative writing, to come to the store as we want to help them spread their art. We can be their platform of having their art printed on a shirt. …We want to push our local talents and artists to work with us," he added.

TPS is open Sunday to Monday, from 2pm to 6pm and Tuesday to Saturday, from 11am to 7pm. TPS shirts go for $25 apiece while "The Undeniable" shirts cost $35. Caps, wristbands, beltbags, and other accessories are also available.

For more information, you can look up The Pacific Supply on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

US Treasury Department labels China a currency manipulator

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Treasury Department labeled China a currency manipulator Monday after Beijing pushed down the value of its yuan in a dramatic escalation of the trade conflict between the world's two biggest economies.

The decision, which came hours after President Donald Trump accused China of unfairly devaluing its currency, marks a reversal for Treasury: In May, it had declined to sanction China for manipulating its currency.

The U.S. had not put China on the currency blacklist since 1994.

The designation could pave the way for more U.S. sanctions against China.

Earlier Monday, China had allowed its currency to weaken to an 11-year low, a move that gives its exporters a price edge in world markets and eases some of the damage from U.S. tariffs on Chinese products.

Trump had gone on Twitter to denounce China's move as "currency manipulation." He added, "This is a major violation which will greatly weaken China over time."

In a statement, Treasury said it would work with the International Monetary Fund "to eliminate the unfair competitive advantage created by China's latest actions."

The move was unexpected.

"This is an extraordinary action of hostility against a major trading partner, with little economic basis and again driven mostly by presidential whims," said Cornell University economist Eswar Prasad, former head of the China division at the International Monetary Fund. "The timing and apparent logic for Treasury's designation of China as a currency manipulator reeks of arbitrariness and retaliation, and will inflict further damage on an already wounded relationship between China and the U.S."

During the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump had accused China of manipulating its currency to gain trade advantages against the United States and had promised to brand China a currency manipulator as soon as he took office.

However, Trump's Treasury Department, which issues a report on currency manipulation every six months, has issued five reports since Trump took office, the most recent in May, in which Treasury said China did not meet the criteria to be labeled a currency manipulator.

Online providers knock 8chan offline after mass shooting

BOSTON (AP)—The online message board 8chan was effectively knocked offline Monday after two companies cut off vital technical services following the mass shooting in El Paso, Texas , whose perpetrator was linked to the site. 8chan is known for trafficking in anonymous hate speech and incitement of hate crimes.

A racist "manifesto" posted to the site is believed to have been written by the suspect in a Saturday's killing of 22 people in El Paso, Texas. If it was, it would be the third known instance of a shooter posting to the site before going on a rampage, following mass shootings at two New Zealand mosques in the spring, and another at a California synagogue.

Late Sunday, the security company Cloudflare announced it was cutting off the message board, which has a history of use by violent extremists, for being "a cesspool of hate."

8chan quickly found a new online host: Sammamish, Washington-based Epik.com, whose site declares it "the Swiss bank of domains." Epik provides similar support for Gab.com, another social media site frequented by white supremacists that doesn't ban hate speech.

Gab is where the man accused of massacring 11 people last October in a Pittsburgh synagogue posted anti-Semitic vitriol. Epik also owns the security company BitMitigate, whose clients include the Daily Stormer, a neo-Nazi and white supremacist site.

Like Cloudflare, BitMitigate protects web sites from denial-of-service attacks that can make them unreachable—the kind of online armor that contentious message boards require to survive.

But on Monday, London-based Voxility, a provider of network hardware and services, upended both Epik and BitMitigate by terminating its contract with the companies, said Maria Sirbu, the company's vice president of business development.

"We have made the connection that at least two or three of the latest mass shooting in the U.S. were connected with these guys," Sirbu said. "At some point, somebody needed to make the decision on where the limit is between what is illegal and what is freedom of speech and today it had to be us."

In the absence of regulation, it falls on internet services companies in the United States to ban online speech deemed unacceptable.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

S&P	DOW	NASDAQ
2,844.74	25,717.74	7,726.04
-87.31	-767.27	-278.03
-2.98%	-2.90%	-3.47%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.47	Hong Kong Dollar	7.84	Russian Ruble	64.88
British Pound	0.82	Indian Rupee	69.95	Singapore Dollar	1.38
Canadian Dollar	1.32	Japanese Yen	106.67	South Korean Won	1,193.33
Chinese Yuan	6.92	Malaysian Ringgit	4.14	Swiss Franc	0.97
Euro	0.89	New Zealand Dollar	1.53	Taiwan Dollar	30.98
		Philippine Peso	50.90	Thailand Baht	30.72

Nation

El Paso deaths climb to 22 as mayor prepares for Trump visit

EL PASO, Texas (AP)—The Texas border city jolted by a weekend massacre at a Walmart absorbed more grief Monday as the death toll climbed to 22 and prepared for a visit from President Donald Trump over anger from El Paso residents and local Democratic leaders who say he isn't welcome and should stay away.

El Paso Mayor Dee Margo announced at a news conference that Trump planned to visit Wednesday, and in an early sign of emotions already running high, immediately defended the decision to welcome the president.

Trump coming to El Paso in wake of the tragedy is unnerving some residents and politicians who said his divisive words are partly to blame. But Margo, a Republican, deflected criticism.

"I want to clarify for the political spin that this is the office of the mayor of El Paso in an official capacity welcoming the office of the president of the United States," Margo said.

Acknowledging the backlash in the community, Margo added: "I'm already getting the emails and the phone calls."

In scripted remarks from the White House, Trump urged unity while blaming mental illness and video games. He made no mention of limiting gun sales.

Democratic Rep. Veronica Escobar of El Paso made clear that the president was not welcome in her hometown as it mourned. Democratic presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke, who was an El Paso congressman for six years, also said Trump should stay away.

"This president, who helped create the hatred that made Saturday's tragedy possible, should not come to El Paso. We do not need more division. We need to heal. He has no place here," O'Rourke tweeted.

Other residents in the largely Latino city of 700,000 said Monday that Trump's rhetoric is difficult for them to stomach.

"It's offensive just because most of us here are Hispanic" said Isel Velasco, 25. "It's not like he's going to help or do anything about it."

Authorities are scrutinizing a racist, anti-immigrant screed posted online shortly before police say Patrick Crusius, 21, opened fire on Saturday. Language in the document mirrors some of the words used by Trump, who on Monday denounced white supremacy, which he has been reluctant to criticize.

The White House hasn't announced Trump's trip but the Federal Aviation Administration has advised pilots of a presidential visit that day to El Paso and Dayton, Ohio, where a second weekend shooting left nine people dead.

Authorities at the news conference in El Paso also revealed details about the suspect's whereabouts before the shooting—some of the first to come out regarding his movements. Police Chief Greg Allen said Crusius drove more than 10 hours from the Dallas area before arriving in El Paso. He said Crusius got lost in a neighborhood before ending up at Walmart "because, we understand, he was hungry." Allen didn't elaborate.

Crusius is from the affluent Dallas suburb of Allen. The police chief said the gun used was legally purchased near the suspect's hometown. The chief did not say what kind of weapon it was but described the ammunition as 7.62-caliber, which is used in high-powered rifles.

Crusius, who is being held without bond, said in his application for a public defender that he has no income or assets and has been unemployed for five months.

The El Paso shooting is one of the deadliest in U.S. history, and the death toll rose Monday as doctors announced that two more of the wounded had died. Dr. Stephen Flaherty of Del Sol Medical Center described the wounds as "devastating and major" and said that one patient who died had major abdominal injuries affecting the liver, kidneys and intestines.

The hospital did not release the names or ages of the two patients who died, but hospital officials described one as an elderly woman.

AP

Maylin Reyes hangs a Mexican flag at a makeshift memorial near the scene of a mass shooting at a shopping complex Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, in El Paso, Texas.

Unknowns in Ohio shooting: Did gunman target his sister?

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)—Police worked Monday to pin down why a 24-year-old gunman killed nine people, including his sister, in a weekend shooting rampage in a popular nightlife area in Dayton, Ohio.

Connor Betts, who was wearing a mask and body armor when he opened fire in the bustling Oregon District early Sunday, was armed with an AR-15-style rifle. If all of the magazines he had with him were full, which hasn't been confirmed, he would have had a maximum of 250 rounds, said Police Chief Richard Biehl.

"It is fundamentally problematic. To have that level of weaponry in a civilian environment is problematic," Biehl added.

Betts' rampage was the second mass shooting in the U.S. over the weekend, both leaving a total of 31 people dead and more than 50 injured.

Of the more than 30 people injured in Ohio, at least 14 had gunshot wounds; others were hurt as people fled, city officials said. Eleven remained hospitalized Monday, Fire Chief Jeffrey Payne said.

Still unknown is whether Betts targeted any of the victims, including his 22-year-old sister, Megan, the youngest of the dead.

"It seems to just defy believability he would shoot his own sister, but it's also hard to believe that he didn't recognize it was his sister, so we just don't know," Biehl said.

While the gunman was white and six of the nine killed were black, police said the speed of the rampage made any discrimination in the shooting seem unlikely. It all happened within 30 seconds, before police officers stationed nearby fatally shot Betts.

Any attempt to suggest a motive so early in the investigation would be irresponsible, the police chief said.

Betts had no apparent criminal record as an adult. Ohio law bars anyone convicted of a felony as an adult, or convicted of a juvenile charge that would have been a felony if they were 18 or older, from buying firearms.

"There's nothing in this individual's record that would have precluded him from getting these weapons," Biehl said Sunday.

Surveillance video showed officers shot Betts at the doorstep of a bar where some people had taken cover. Had he gotten inside, the result would have been "catastrophic," Biehl said.

Anthony Reynolds, 31, said the first gunshot "was kind of an echo because of the buildings. Then it was rapid, rapid. People were just falling."

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine visited the scene Sunday and said policymakers must now consider: "Is there anything we can do in the future to make sure something like this does not happen?"

At a vigil hours later, hundreds of people, mostly young adults, vented their frustration at the Republican governor, interrupting him with chants of "Make a change!" and "Do something!" as he talked about the victims.

"People are angry, and they're upset. They should be," said Jennifer Alfrey, 24, of Middletown, who added that she didn't agree with interrupting the vigil but understood why so many did.

Mayor Nan Whaley, a Democrat, said there would be time later for dealing with policy issues and implored the crowd to honor the victims.

Mexico: Texas shooting 'act of terrorism' against Mexicans

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico's government said it considers a shooting at a crowded department store in El Paso, Texas that left eight of its citizens dead an "act of terrorism" against Mexicans and hopes it will lead to changes in U.S. gun laws.

Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard met Monday afternoon with local authorities in El Paso and said Mexico will participate in the investigations and trial there, as well as take legal action against those who sold the gun to the shooter.

"An investigation will be opened for terrorism, because that's what it was," Ebrard said at a press conference. "And the extradition request is not off the table."

Ebrard also met with families of the victims and the injured and promised to speed up the repatriation process for the bodies of the eight Mexican victims.

"We agree that it appears racism and white supremacy are serious problems in the United States," Ebrard said.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador previously said that Mexico will respect the debate that will unfold in the United States following the Saturday attack that killed a total of 22 people, but he believes the discussion could lead to change north of the border.

"There could be a change to their laws because it is stunning what is happening, unfortunate and very powerful," López Obrador said. "I don't rule out that they could change their constitution and laws. These are new times; you have to always be adjusting the legal framework to the new reality."

Many in Mexico were reeling from revelations that the shooting appeared to have been aimed at Hispanics, and Mexicans in particular.

Just minutes before the rampage, U.S. investigators believe the shooter posted a rambling online manifesto in which he railed against a perceived "invasion" of Hispanics coming into the U.S. He then allegedly targeted a shopping area in El Paso that is about 5 miles (8 kilometers) from the main border checkpoint with Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Tens of thousands of Mexicans cross the border legally each day to work and shop in the city of 680,000 full-time residents, and El Paso County is more than 80% Latino, according to the latest census data.

The Mexican victims were identified as Sara Esther Regalado of Ciudad Juarez; Adolfo Cerros Hernández of Aguascalientes; Jorge Calvillo García of Torreon, Coahuila; Elsa Mendoza de la Mora of Yepomera, Chihuahua; Gloria Irma Marquez of Ciudad Juarez; María Eugenia Legarreta of the city of Chihuahua; Ivan Filiberto Manzano of Ciudad Juarez; and Juan de Dios Velázquez Chairez of Zacatecas. Other victims may have also been of Mexican descent.

Asia

China vows countermeasures if US deploys missiles in Asia

BEIJING (AP)—China said Tuesday it "will not stand idly by" and will take countermeasures if the U.S. deploys intermediate-range missiles in the Indo-Pacific region, which it plans to do within months.

The statement from the director of the foreign ministry's Arms Control Department, Fu Cong, follows the U.S.'s withdrawal last week from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, a move Fu said would have a "direct negative impact on the global strategic stability" as well as security in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

Fu said China was particularly concerned about announced plans to develop and test a land-based intermediate-range missile in the Asia-Pacific "sooner rather than later," in the words of one U.S. official.

"China will not stand idly by and be forced to take countermeasures should the U.S. deploy intermediate-range ground-based missiles this part of the world," Fu told reporters at a specially called briefing.

He also advised other nations, particularly South Korea, Japan and Australia, to "exercise prudence" and not allow the U.S. to deploy such weapons on their territory, saying that would "not serve the national security interests of these countries."

AP

Director of the foreign ministry's Arms Control Department, Fu Cong speaks during a press conference at the Ministry of Foreign Affair building in Beijing, Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019.

U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said in Asia over the weekend that he wanted to deploy midrange conventional missiles in the Asia-Pacific within months. Australia previously said the locations for the bases were not yet known but it would not be one of them.

Fu also said China had no intention of joining nuclear weapons reduction talks with the U.S. and Russia, pointing to the huge gap in the size of China's arsenal compared to those of the other two. China has an estimated 290 nuclear warheads deployed, compared to 1,600 for Russia and 1,750 for the U.S., according to the Federation of American Scientists.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has called for urgent arms control talks to prevent a chaotic arms race following the treaty's demise. He also said Monday that Russia would only deploy new intermediate-range missiles if the United States does.

China has already shown "maximum restraint" in developing its arsenal and stuck to its policy that it would not be the first to use a nuclear weapon in a conflict, Fu said.

"I don't think it is reasonable or even fair to expect China to participate in an arms reduction negotiation at this stage," Fu said, but added that China remained committed to multilateral efforts to reduce nuclear stockpiles such as the U.N.'s Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, although it has yet to ratify that agreement.

Fu wouldn't elaborate on what countermeasures China was considering taking against the U.S., saying only that "everything is on the table," although he did say China has never and would never take part in a nuclear arms race.

Nor would he say how China might retaliate against countries that hosted U.S. land-based intermediate-range missiles, although China has in past used economic means to retaliate against South Korea over its deployment of a U.S. anti-missile defense system known as THAAD.

Fu dismissed U.S. arguments for leaving the INF as "pure pretext," saying Washington was merely looking for an excuse to develop new weapons. If it truly believes Russia is cheating on the treaty, as it says, than the way forward is to negotiate rather than withdraw, Fu said.

Meanwhile, Washington's argument that it is threatened by China because 80 percent or more of Chinese missiles fall into the intermediate-range category doesn't hold up, since those missiles would be unable to reach the continental U.S.

"So the U.S. would be the least to worry if that is the case," Fu said. "That shows that all of this is nothing but a pretext."

They would have been banned under the INF Treaty signed by Russia and the U.S. in 1987. It expired Friday, with Washington saying it withdrew because of Russia's alleged violations of the pact. Russia denies breaching the terms.

North Korea fires presumed ballistic missiles as talks stall

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea continued to ramp up its weapons demonstrations by firing two presumed short-range ballistic missiles into the sea Tuesday while lashing out at the United States and South Korea for continuing military exercises that the North says could derail fragile nuclear diplomacy.

North Korea's fourth round of weapons launches in less than two weeks came amid a standstill in nuclear negotiations and after President Donald Trump repeatedly dismissed the significance of the country's recent tests despite the threat the weapons pose to ally South Korea and U.S. bases there.

Experts say Trump's downplaying of the North's weapons display has allowed the country more room to advance its military capabilities as it attempts to build leverage ahead of negotiations, which could possibly resume sometime after the end of the allies' drills later this month.

South Korea's military alerted reporters to the launches minutes before the North's Foreign Ministry denounced Washington and Seoul over the start of their joint exercises on Monday. The ministry's statement said the drills, which North Korea sees as an invasion rehearsal, leave the country "compelled to develop, test and deploy the powerful physical means essential for national defense."

The statement from an unidentified spokesperson said Pyongyang remains committed to dialogue, but it could seek a "new road" if the allies don't change their positions.

"It is too axiomatic that a constructive dialogue cannot be expected at a time when a simulated war practice targeted at the dialogue partner is being conducted," said the statement. "We remain unchanged in our stand to resolve the issues through dialogue. But the dynamics of dialogue will be more invisible as long as the hostile military moves continue."

Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the two projectiles the North flew cross-country were likely short-range ballistic missiles. They were launched early Tuesday from an area near the North's western coast and traveled about 450 kilometers (279 miles) on an apogee of 37 kilometers (23 miles) at a maximum speed of above Mach 6.9 before landing in waters off the country's eastern coast, the JCS said.

Kashmir tensions intensify amid India-Pakistan skirmishes

SRINAGAR, India (AP)—Tensions have soared along the volatile, highly militarized frontier between India and Pakistan in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir, as India has deployed more troops and ordered thousands of visitors out of the region.

Indian firing Sunday along the Line of Control that separates Kashmir between the archrivals wounded a woman and the ongoing skirmishes spread fear in border villages, Pakistani police said. The frontier residents on the Pakistani side are either moving out to safer places or have begun construction of new bunkers, with some strengthening existing shelters near their homes.

Pakistan and India, which both claim Kashmir in its entirety, routinely blame each other for initiating border skirmishes, but the latest ones come amid the Indian government's evacuation order of tourists and Hindu pilgrims and a buildup of troops in its part of the region.

The measures have sparked fears in Kashmir that New Delhi is planning to scrap an Indian constitutional provision that forbids Indians from outside the region from buying land in the Muslim-majority territory. In recent days, Hindu-majority India has deployed at least 10,000 troops in Kashmir, with media reports of a further 25,000 ordered to one of the world's most militarized regions.

Thousands of additional Indian soldiers on Sunday began camping in police stations and government buildings in several areas of the region.

Authorities imposed an indefinite security lockdown around midnight as government forces laid steel barricades and razor wire on roads and intersections to cut off neighborhoods in Srinagar, the main city of the region.

"As per the order there shall be no movement of public and all educational institutions shall also remain closed," the statement said. It said public meetings and rallies have been also banned.

Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Authorities also suspended internet services on cellphones, a common tactic to prevent anti-India demonstrations from being organized and stop dissemination of news.

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the shelling by India and warned on Twitter that the situation has the potential to "blow up into a regional crisis." He reiterated that "the only road to peace and security in South Asia runs through a peaceful and just settlement of Kashmir."

Later Sunday, Khan and Pakistani political and military leaders on the country's national security committee met and expressed concerns over what it called "India's destabilizing efforts" in the region, saying its recent buildup of forces is adding fuel to fire.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to chair a national security meeting on Monday.

In Pakistan's portion of Kashmir, Mohammad Fareed, a retired government employee in Tufrabad village near the Line of Control, said he had spent over $3,000 to construct a concrete bunker for his family of 10. "It looks like the situation is getting bad," he said, adding that the recent shelling and the dropping of cluster bombs had created massive fear.

"People are using their savings to build bunkers. After all, if you live you will do other things," said Fareed.

World

Car bomb collides with vehicles in Egypt capital, killing 20

CAIRO (AP)—A car packed with explosives being driven to carry out an attack collided with other vehicles and exploded in central Cairo, killing at least 20 people, the Interior Ministry said Monday, the deadliest attack in the Egyptian capital in over two years.

The blast went off Sunday night on the busy Corniche boulevard along the Nile River, setting other cars on fire and injuring at least 47. It damaged Egypt's main cancer hospital nearby, shattering parts of the facade and some rooms inside, forcing the evacuation of dozens of patients.

Authorities had initially said the explosion was caused by a multi-vehicle accident. But later Monday, the Interior Ministry acknowledged that a car bomb was involved.

It accused a militant group known as Hasm, which has links to the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, saying it was moving the car to carry out an attack elsewhere. The ministry did not say what the intended target was. The car had been stolen months earlier in the Nile Delta, it said.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi called it a "terrorist incident" in a tweet, expressing condolences for the dead and vowed to "face and root out terrorism."

The attack is the deadliest in Cairo since a bombing at a chapel adjacent to Egypt's main Coptic Christian cathedral killed 30 people during Sunday Mass in December 2016. That attack was claimed by Egypt's affiliate of the Islamic State group.

AP

People survey the aftermath of a fiery car crash outside the National Cancer Institute in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Aug. 5, 2019.

Smaller bombings, usually by roadside devices, have taken place more often, targeting security forces and in two cases tourists near the Pyramids. Car bombs, however, have been far rarer in the capital.

For years, Egypt has battled Islamic militants, led by an IS affiliate, in the Sinai Peninsula. That insurgency has at times spilled over into other parts of the country.

Militant attacks increased after el-Sissi, as defence minister, led the military's 2013 ouster of then-President Mohammed Morsi, a Brotherhood leader, after massive protests against his rule. Since then, the government has waged a major crackdown on the Brotherhood, banning it and declaring it a terrorist organization. Morsi collapsed and died in a Cairo courtroom in June.

Sunday's blast damaged the cancer hospital's main gate and several patient rooms and wards, according to a statement from the Cairo University, whose medical school uses the institution as an educational facility. Windows and glass doors on the hospital building were shattered.

"Parts of the ceiling of the hospital were collapsing as I got out of my room," said one patient, Mahmoud el-Sayed. "People were running everywhere and shouting."

At least 78 patients were evacuated to other hospitals. The Health Ministry did not say whether any patients or hospital staff were among the casualties.

Multiple vehicles on the street were damaged, burning those inside, said another witness, Mohamed Ashraf. "People were struggling to get the passengers out," he said.

In its initial account of the explosion, the Interior Ministry, which oversees the police, said a vehicle was driving against traffic on the boulevard and collided with up to three other cars, causing an explosion. It didn't elaborate when it later announced the car bomb, and it was not clear which vehicle in that scenario was the vehicle with explosives.

The police quickly cordoned off the area of the crash, as prosecutors began an investigation. Unidentified body parts were being collected in a body bag from the site, Health Minister Hala Zayed said in TV comments.

The hospital is close to Cairo's Tahrir Square, which became known internationally as the scene of mass protests in the 2011 uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

After the blast, some patients with appointments Monday were left stranded, waiting outside the hospital with their relatives. Ahmed Ramadan, a farmer, had brought his daughter from their home 145 kilometers (90 miles) south of Cairo for chemotherapy.

"We do not know where to go," he said.

UK joins US Strait of Hormuz mission; Iran slams sanctions

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Britain said Monday that it would join a U.S.-led naval security mission in the Strait of Hormuz, where Iran's seizure of merchant vessels has raised tensions with the West. Earlier, Iran's foreign minister lambasted recent U.S. financial sanctions against him, calling the move a "failure" for diplomacy.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told reporters in Tehran that "imposing sanctions against a foreign minister means failure" for any efforts at negotiations, and means the side imposing the measures is "opposing talks."

The U.S. administration last week announced sanctions on Zarif, a month after President Donald Trump had imposed similar sanctions on Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The moves are seen as part of Washington's escalating campaign in what Trump calls "maximum pressure" on the Islamic Republic.

The U.S. has increasingly deployed military reinforcements to the region amid unspecified threats from Iran in the wake of Trump's withdrawal last year from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers.

Britain's Ministry of Defense said it "will draw largely on assets already in the region." It said the Royal Navy will work alongside the U.S. Navy to escort vessels through the Strait of Hormuz, which sits at the mouth of the Persian Gulf, a shipping channel for one-fifth of all global crude exports.

Two Royal Navy warships are currently in the region, the frigate HMS Montrose and the destroyer HMS Duncan. The Montrose is due to leave for planned repairs later this month.

Britain has been giving U.K.-flagged vessels in the region a naval escort since the Iran's Revolutionary Guards seized a British-flagged oil tanker last month. Some Iranian officials suggested the seizure of the Stena Impero was retaliation for the seizure of an Iranian oil tanker off the British overseas territory of Gibraltar.

European nations have been reluctant to take part in the U.S. naval mission, and Germany has said it will not be involved.

Last month, then-U.K. Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced that the U.K. would join with European allies to form a "maritime protection mission" in the strait.

Hunt has since lost his job, and that effort appears to have foundered. Britain's Ministry of Defense said the U.S. and the U.K. hoped other countries will join the new mission.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's spokesman, James Slack, said Britain was still seeking an international coalition, though he did not say who would be in it.

Zarif had stressed Monday that Washington's policy of "talking about war as an option that remains on the table cannot stand."

Putin urges arms talks with US after nuclear pact demise

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that Russia would only deploy new intermediate-range missiles if the United States does and called for urgent arms control talks to prevent a chaotic arms race following the demise of a key nuclear pact.

Putin made his statements after the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty ended Friday, with the U.S. announcing its intention to test and deploy weapons previously banned by the 1987 accord.

Washington said it withdrew because of Russia's alleged violations of the pact; Russia denies breaching the terms of the treaty.

Putin condemned the U.S. exit from the treaty "in a unilateral way and under a far-fetched reason," saying that it "seriously exacerbated the situation in the world and raised fundamental risks for all."

He said in a statement that Russia will carefully monitor Washington's actions and respond in kind if it sees that the U.S. is developing and deploying new intermediate-range missiles.

The INF Treaty, which was signed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, banned the production, testing and deployment of land-based cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers (310 to 3,410 miles). Such weapons were seen as particularly destabilizing because of shorter time they take to reach targets compared to intercontinental ballistic missiles, raising the likelihood of a nuclear conflict over a false launch alert.

"If we receive reliable information that the U.S. has completed the development and launched production of the relevant systems, Russia will have to engage in full-scale development of similar missiles," Putin said.

The U.S. has accused Russia of developing and deploying a cruise missile that violated provisions of the pact. Russia has denied the breach, and, in its turn, accused the U.S. of violations.

Putin noted that Russia for now will rely on its existing air-launched X-101 and Kinzhal missiles and the Kalibr missiles carried by submarines and navy ships, as well as prospective weapons, including the Zircon hypersonic missiles, to ensure its security.

He also reaffirmed Moscow's earlier pledge not to deploy intermediate-range weapons until the U.S. places them near Russia's borders.

"Our actions related to the development, production and deployment of ground-based intermediate-range missiles will be exclusively reciprocal and mirrored," he said. "We will not deploy them until the U.S.-made intermediate-range missiles are deployed" in areas where they may threaten Russia.

A senior Russian lawmaker noted in comments carried by Russian news agencies that Putin's statement was a warning to nations that agree to house American missiles.

"Those words were addressed to the U.S. allies," Konstantin Kosachev, the head of the foreign affairs committee in the upper house of Russia's parliament. "Those who would host the missiles would automatically and voluntarily make themselves targets for nuclear weapons."

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In this March 18, 2019, file photo, mourners lay flowers on a wall at the Botanical Gardens in Christchurch, New Zealand. The El Paso massacre is the latest attack in which the gunman appears to have praised the March shootings in Christchurch, where an Australian white supremacist is charged with killing 51 worshippers at two mosques.

5 months on, Christchurch attacker influences others

By KRISTEN GELINEAU
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SYDNEY (AP)—The attack on a Texas Walmart that left 22 people dead bore all the classic hallmarks of America's cycle of mass shootings: A lone shooter. Multiple casualties. A white male accused of the crime.

But it also revealed a newer, emerging pattern: emboldened white supremacy. A racist diatribe published to the online message board 8chan. And apparent inspiration drawn from the Christchurch, New Zealand, mosque attacks earlier this year.

The El Paso massacre is the latest attack in which the gunman appears to have praised the March 15 shootings in Christchurch, where an Australian white supremacist is charged with killing 51 worshippers at two mosques.

Authorities are investigating the possibility that Saturday's shooting in El Paso was a hate crime, and are working to determine whether a racist, anti-immigrant screed posted to the 8chan board shortly beforehand was written by the man arrested in the attack. Though he was targeting Latinos rather than Muslims, the first sentence of the online rant expressed support for the Christchurch shooter.

For decades, mass shootings have been viewed through the prism of the lethal 1999 attack on Columbine High School in Colorado by two of its students. Columbine acted as an inspiration and symbol for lone shooters for years to come. But Christchurch seems to be gaining ground as a political symbol, as the racist views espoused by the man charged with the killings, Brenton Tarrant, continue to resonate with white supremacists half a world away.

"Christchurch was a symbol from the moment that Brenton Tarrant's manifesto appeared online," said Michele Grossman, a professor and research chair in diversity and community resilience at Deakin University in Australia.

The difference between Christchurch and Columbine—and the shootings each may have inspired—can be seen in the attacks' respective targets, Grossman said. The Columbine shootings were indiscriminate; in his journal before the attack, shooter Eric Harris wrote about wanting to kill humanity. The Christchurch attack had a very specific target: Muslims.

"Christchurch, looking at the manifesto, is about immediately an 'us and them' proposition: Our lands will never be their lands, they are invading us, they're trying to conquer us, and we have to fight back," Grossman said.

These recent attacks, she says, were designed to incite even more violence. "You might say that this is part and parcel of an effort to spearhead a revolutionary uprising to inspire people to say, 'If I can do this, you can do this, too,'" Grossman said.

That concern is especially intense in Christchurch. Muti Bari was not surprised when word of the Texas massacre reached New Zealand.

Bari has lived in fear of another attack ever since the day at Linwood mosque when he hid in a bathroom as the gunman slaughtered people a few feet away. When the police arrived, Bari had to jump over the bodies of his fellow worshippers to get out.

"The ideology exists, and we know that. And it's just unfortunate that people are acting as copycats now," Bari said. "That's a concern, obviously, for every Muslim living in the West."

He added: "We feel it—that it can happen anytime, anywhere."

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In this Aug. 4, 2019, file photo, Rene Aguilar and Jackie Flores pray at a makeshift memorial for the victims of Saturday's mass shooting at a shopping complex in El Paso, Texas.

Given how high profile and recent the Christchurch attack was, it's not surprising that it might be referenced by the El Paso shooter, said Jacinta Carroll, director of national security policy at the Australian National University. Terrorists, she says, try to justify their actions through references that build a narrative for their views or actions.

Paul Spoonley, who has researched white supremacist groups in New Zealand and is writing a book on the subject, said Norway's Anders Breivik is the mass killer who established the model for the type of attack seen in Christchurch.

Breivik, a right-wing extremist, killed 77 people in a 2011 bomb-and-shooting rampage. Each of the recent attacks has similar elements such as a manifesto and social-media use during the event, he said, and the actions are those of lone shooters with little or no contact with the organized far right.

"Christchurch is now part of the vocabulary and a reference point amongst hate groups, especially white supremacists," Spoonley said by email.

On Monday, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was asked about concerns that the Christchurch attacks are starting to be remembered as a symbol for violent white nationalists around the world. She said any effort to prevent such spread of hate has to be a cooperative one.

"What I want to make sure . is that we do what we can to create a regulatory environment where we do not see violent extremism, and violence, and terrorism circulated online," she said. "But New Zealand can't do that alone. These are international platforms."

By posting a 74-page document on 8chan before the mosque attacks, the accused Christchurch gunman clearly tried to ensure his rampage—and his use of a conspiracy theory that contends elites are plotting to replace whites with nonwhite immigrants—would echo widely.

On Monday, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg visited Christchurch and laid a wreath at a memorial outside the Al Noor mosque, where 42 worshippers died. While there, Stoltenberg spoke about links between attacks in Christchurch, El Paso and Norway.

"These attacks are committed by lone wolves, but they are at the same time connected," Stoltenberg said, adding: "I think it highlights that we have to fight terrorism in many different ways with many different tools."

Tofazzal Alam, who was at the Linwood mosque when the attack began, has tried to avoid news of mass shootings ever since. Every new attack sends him right back to the horror he endured on March 15. So hearing that the El Paso shooter may have been sympathetic to the white supremacist who attacked Christchurch was particularly painful.

"We want peace all over the world," he said. "Whether it's New Zealand or Australia or the U.S. or Canada, we want peace."

"I saw the disaster happening to us. It should not be happening to anybody at all."

Good Housekeeping

Orange You Awesome coneflowers are absolutely dazzling

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Orange You Awesome made its debut in 2019, and I can truthfully say, it is, indeed. This is one of the new color-coded groups of echinacea from Proven Winners and it has captured this gardener's heart. The other selection is Yellow My Darling.

Orange You Awesome has performed like a champion all summer, and now, as we enter August, it is still performing magnificently. It reached almost 2 feet in height and produces flowers described as tangerine with a red halo around the cone. I am an orange color lover and this has fulfilled all my dreams in a coneflower. Orange You Awesome, has been a hit with pollinators, too. The best show was when the green metallic bees visited but the gray hairstreaks, and now, swallowtails also are finding it a tasty treat.

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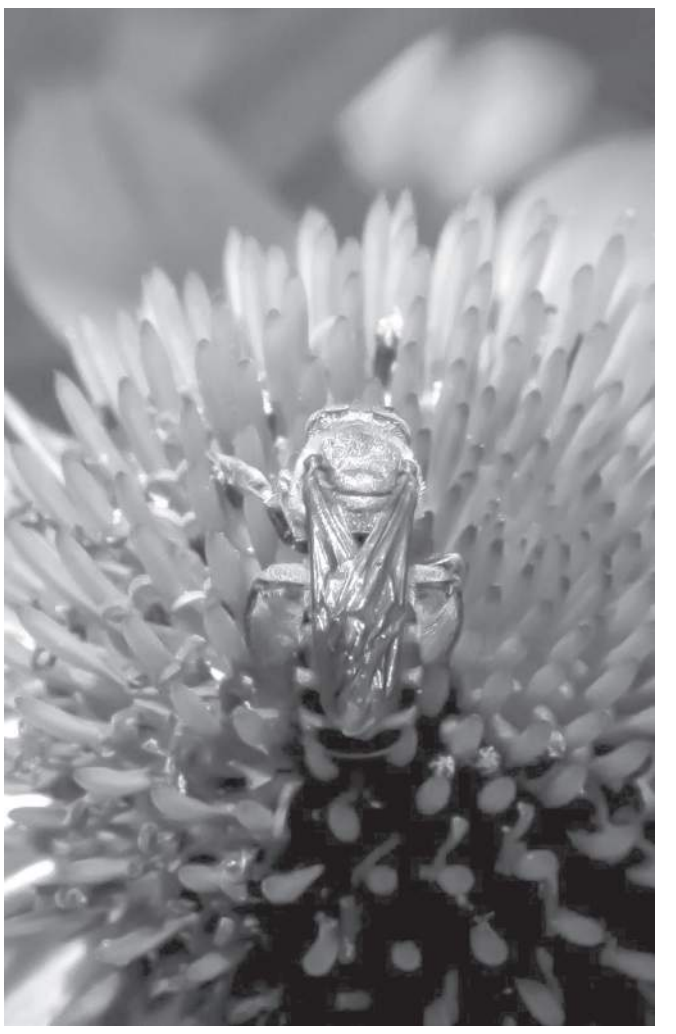
This female Eastern Tiger swallowtail finds Orange You Awesome echinacea to be the perfect feast.



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A green metallic bee creates a photo opportunity on Orange You Awesome echinacea.

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Orange You Awesome produces tangerine colored blossoms almost 24 inches tall.

Yellow My Darling, is just as the name suggests, a rich yellow, also reaching about 2 feet tall and packed with flowers. I am growing it in front of Blue Boa Agastache or hummingbird mint. It, too, has brought in its fair share of pollinators; hopefully, it will be a non-stop bloomer through fall.

If you think that the echinacea is purple to hot pink, well it is, but something awesome has happened in the world of purple coneflowers, and that is science. It is wonderful, complicated science, when it comes to breeding. There were crosses, back-crosses, three-way crosses, and more.

The result is our native coneflower species has simply gotten better; we have more colors, flowers, and habits to incorporate in our gardens. Your designs will be more intriguing, colorful, and will bring in so many pollinators, it will appear it was specifically done at their behest. The color-coded series is one of the best.

Early spring is still my favorite time to plant purple coneflowers. Select healthy growing transplants not yet in flower. These are the ones that are still producing roots and green leaves. But to be honest, the industry has changed and offers healthy blooming, vibrant transplants all season.

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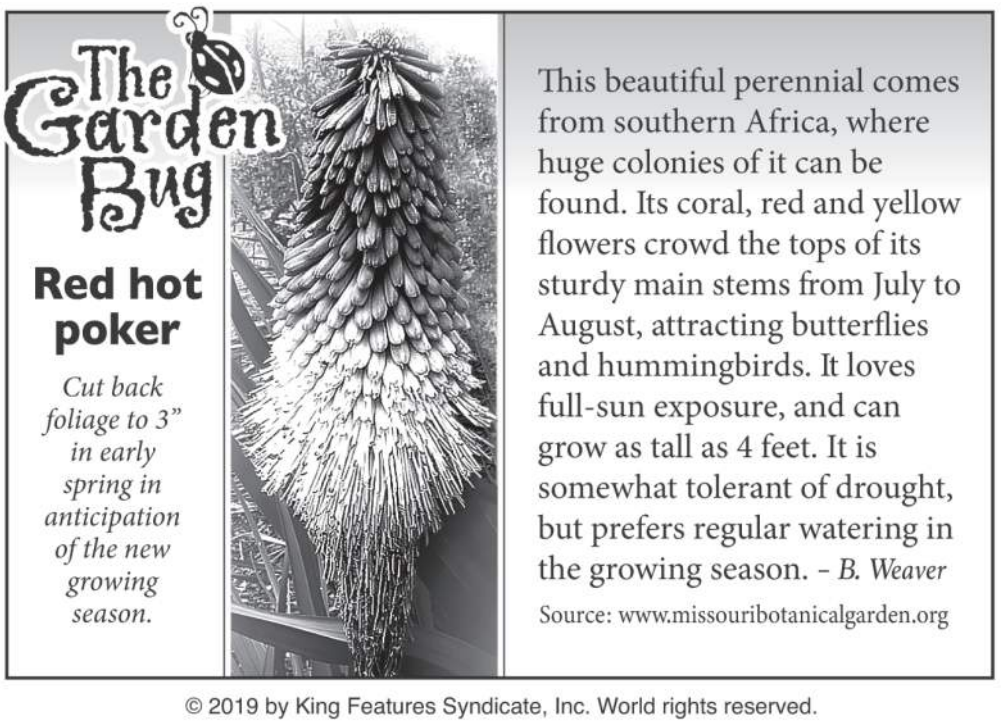
This American Lady butterfly finds Yellow My Darling echinacea to be a tasty treat.

Whenever you decide to plant, choose a site in full sun for best flower performance. The soil does not need to be luxuriantly fertile; on the other hand, if it takes a pickaxe or a jackhammer to break apart, plan on incorporating 3- to -4-inches of organic matter. While tilling, work in two pounds of a slow-release 12-6-6 fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space. Space your color-coded echinacea plants 10- to -20-inches apart in an informal drift or sweep. If you have the mucky soil, consider planting on raised beds using a prepared landscape mix.

Your partnership-planting opportunities with these new echinacea plants are unlimited. In addition to Blue Boa Agastache, I have mine partnered with catmint, blue salvias, and perennial hibiscus. You'll love them in informal sweeps or drifts with rudbeckias or gloriosa daisies like Prairie Sun or Indian Summer. They also look natural in prairie-like companions with ornamental grasses swaying in the breeze.

Purple coneflowers still come in purple and they will always be recommended. Keep your eyes open, however, for the new Orange You Awesome and Yellow My Darling plants. They bring both beauty and fun to the garden.


The Garden Bug
Red hot poker
Cut back foliage to 3" in early spring in anticipation of the new growing season.
This beautiful perennial comes from southern Africa, where huge colonies of it can be found. Its coral, red and yellow flowers crowd the tops of its sturdy main stems from July to August, attracting butterflies and hummingbirds. It loves full-sun exposure, and can grow as tall as 4 feet. It is somewhat tolerant of drought, but prefers regular watering in the growing season. - B. Weaver
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Life & Style

Police seek motive after 6-year-old thrown from Tate Modern

LONDON (AP)—British police said Monday they were searching for a motive after a teenager allegedly threw a 6-year-old boy from a 10th-floor viewing gallery at London's Tate Modern museum.

The boy was airlifted to hospital after the incident on Sunday afternoon. Police said Monday that his condition was critical but stable and his life was no longer in danger.

A 17-year-old boy is being held on suspicion of attempted murder over the incident, which happened while the gallery was packed with visitors.

Nancy Barnfield was at the gallery with her family when she heard a "loud bang," and then saw a woman screaming "Where's my son, where's my son?"

The younger boy had fallen from the open-air viewing platform to a fifth-floor roof.

Barnfield said a man on the platform was restrained by other visitors until police arrived. She said he "just stood there and was quite calm."

Police say they don't believe the suspect and victim knew each other.

"This was a truly shocking incident, and people will understandably be searching for answers," said Detective Chief Superintendent John Massey of the Metropolitan Police. "At the moment, this is being treated as an isolated event with no distinct or apparent motive."

Massey said police wanted to speak to anyone who "witnessed a male whose behavior seemed out of place, suspicious or worrying, in the hour or two before the incident in or near the gallery."

AP

Emergency crews attending a scene at the Tate Modern art gallery, London, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2019.

Tate Modern, Britain's leading gallery of modern art, sits on the south bank of the River Thames and was visited by almost 6 million people last year.

The 10th-floor terrace is part of a pyramid-shaped extension that opened in 2016 and offers panoramic views over London.

The gallery reopened Monday, but the viewing platform remained closed.

"Tate is working closely with the police to help with their investigations," a spokeswoman said. "All our thoughts are with the child and his family."

'Supernatural,' 'Arrow' makers: CW dramas ending on a high

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—The makers of "Supernatural" and "Arrow" say they're bringing the CW shows to a close at the right time.

"You don't want to be the last person at a party, even if it's the best party on the planet," said Jared Padalecki, who's paired with co-star Jensen Ackles as the evil-busting Winchester brothers on "Supernatural." Its 15th season, debuting Oct. 10, will be its last.

"Arrow" producer Marc Guggenheim also compared the superhero show to a gala that's still going strong. Its eighth and final season with star Stephen Amell begins Oct. 15.

"We all would much prefer to go out on a high note, and go out while people are still talking about the show rather than being, like, 'That show's still on the air?'" he said.

While the "Supernatural" stars felt it was time to end their long run, Ackles told a TV critics meeting Sunday that taping the final episodes will be difficult.

"I'm just hoping to stave off the emotion until at least episode 19, 18, somewhere in there," he said. "And then who knows what's going to happen? It's going to be a big shift in a lot of our lives."

CW President Mark Pedowitz saluted the 15-season run as a "remarkable achievement."

"As we always said ... when they were ready to stop, we will stop. And for them and for Stephen Amell on 'Arrow,' these shows will go out the way they were supposed to go," he said. "But if you can convince them to come back, I'm open."

Ackles speculated this may just be a break in the "Supernatural" journey, although CW's attempts at spinoffs haven't succeeded.

"Am I saying there's something in the works? No. Am I saying I would be open to having a conversation about this in the future? What is the harm in that?" said Ackles, who plans to take his character's well-worn boots with him as a souvenir.

"Arrow" star Amell was asked how to square his recent claim of a happy ending for the show, despite rumors that his character Oliver Queen, aka Green Arrow, doesn't survive.

"That's not a spoiler," Amell replied, prompting Guggenheim to jump in.

While a character did tell Oliver that he's going to die, the producer said, there's more than one way to consider possible outcomes. He then proceeded to muddy the waters.

"When I read about this online and people are asking us questions, they're thinking about things in a very binary way, that the ending will either be X or Y. And all I would say is, I think we have Z planned," Guggenheim said.

In its final season, "Arrow" will be part of what CW is billing as the biggest crossover yet for its shows drawn from the world of DC Comics. Titled "Crisis on Infinite Earths," the story will unfold from Dec. 8 to Jan. 14 on episodes of "Supergirl," ''Batwoman," ''The Flash," ''Arrow" and "DC's Legends of Tomorrow."

Tiffany Haddish gets kids to say darndest things in new show

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—As a comedian, Tiffany Haddish sometimes says the darndest things. Now, she's getting kids to do it, too.

Haddish is host and executive producer of ABC's "Kids Say the Darndest Things," the latest revival of Art Linkletter's comical interactions with children.

Haddish

When she was the same age as some of the kids on the show, Haddish knew she "wanted to do something cool," possibly working in factories that made sneakers or beef jerky (two of her favorite things).

"I'm a big kid myself," the 39-year-old actress told a TV critics meeting on Monday.

Still, Haddish cautions that the show isn't for kids.

"It's for adults that happen to have children on it," she said. "It's like a late-night talk show with kids."

Haddish described the kids who appear as "really smart," with her only needing to ask a couple of questions before they took off riffing on a topic.

Executive producer Eric Schotz said the kids, cast from a nationwide pool, aren't coached on what to say.

"She listens to the kids and doesn't try to be the joke," he said. "She treats them all with such respect and that's the dynamic that allows the comedy to come out."

ABC executive withholding judgment on the 'The Rookie'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—ABC Entertainment President Karey Burke said Monday she is withholding judgment on the fate of "The Rookie" pending an investigation into co-star Afton Williamson's claim that she endured sexual misconduct and racism during the show's production.

Williamson

The actress posted online Sunday that she's quitting the ABC crime drama because of what she faced, including racist comments and bullying from a crew member that escalated into sexual assault at a wrap party, and an inadequate response from the show's executive producers.

"I'm waiting for the results of the investigation, just as you are, to get more answers," Burke said during a Q&A session with the Television Critics Association.

She said she learned in June that the show's producer, Entertainment One, initiated a third-party investigation of the behavior that Williamson alleged took place during the crime drama's first season that began airing in October 2018.

Burke was asked if ABC is concerned about whether it has inadequate oversight of shows made for the network or if it can trust the investigation.

"I'm hopeful those results will be independent and trustworthy and anticipate they will be," Burke replied. "At that time, those answers and those conclusions will help guide us about how to handle situations like this in the future and if, in fact, there has been any sort of communication breakdown."

There's history, under Burke's predecessor, Channing Dungey, of responding swiftly to a trouble-plagued series. When the network was faced in 2018 with a racist tweet by "Roseanne" star Roseanne Barr, the rebooted sitcom's production was suspended. Barr was subsequently fired and the show was reinvented as "The Conners."

R. Kelly accused of soliciting 17-year-old girl in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A Minnesota prosecutor charged singer R. Kelly on Monday with prostitution and solicitation related to an allegation that he invited a 17-year-old girl to his hotel room in 2001 and paid her $200 to dance naked with him.

Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman said Kelly, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, is accused of soliciting the girl after meeting her before a concert in Minneapolis.

Freeman said the girl was trying to get an autograph from Kelly, and that the R&B performer gave her his signature and a phone number. When the girl called the number, she was invited to Kelly's hotel. There she was offered $200 to take off her clothes and dance, Freeman said. He said Kelly took his clothes off and they danced together.

Kelly

A criminal complaint said the girl said Kelly lay on his bed and the girl climbed on top of him "body to body."

"According to Victim, the defendant was rubbing her body" and fondling himself, according to the complaint. "Victim stated that the defendant touched all over her body."

The complaint said the girl attended Kelly's concert "as a guest who did not have to pay," and told her brother what had happened in Kelly's hotel room.

The charges are felonies, each punishable by up to five years in prison. Freeman said his office investigated after getting a tip from a Chicago tip line.

"We felt we had more than enough to charge based on her testimony and corroboration from her brother," Freeman said. "I don't like buying sex from minors, and I don't think most other people do either."

Kelly's attorney Steve Greenberg tweeted: "Give me a break. This is beyond absurd." He did not immediately respond to a request for further comment.

Trevor Noah, Stephen Colbert to star in NY comedy festival

NEW YORK (AP)—Some of the comedy world's biggest stars—including Stephen Colbert, Bill Maher, Kevin Smith, Nicole Byer and Trevor Noah—will headline this year's New York Comedy Festival.

The weeklong festival will also feature Norm McDonald, Randy Rainbow, Nate Bargatze, Comedy Bang! Bang!, Vir Das, Kathleen Madigan, Demetri Martin, Tom Segura, Benito Skinner, Jenny Slate, Jay Mewes, No Such Thing as a Fish and Betches Media's "U Up?" Live.

The festival runs from Nov. 4-10. Over 200 comedians, late-night hosts and podcast stars will perform in more than 100 shows at places like the Beacon Theatre, Carnegie Hall, Town Hall and even the Bloomingdale's flagship home.

"Nothing beats being able to perform stand-up comedy in New York to some of the best audiences in the world, and that's what this festival is. I can't wait," said Noah in a statement. He'll be headlining the festival's largest venue, Madison Square Garden on Nov. 8.

AP

This combination photo shows Trevor Noah, Nicole Byer and Stephen Colbert who are among the headliners announced for the 2019 New York Comedy Festival running from November 4 through November 10.

Caroline Hirsch, founder and owner of the New York Comedy Festival and Carolines on Broadway, said audiences should expect pop-up events, live improv and sketch comedy, panel discussions, screenings and broadcasts.

"We've always supported and championed those in the industry, and we're excited to continue to bring the very best comedic talent to entertain comedy fans this November," she said in a statement.

Tickets go on sale Aug. 12 at the festival's website .

Judge rejects Weinstein appeal over sex trafficking charge

NEW YORK (AP)—Harvey Weinstein lost an effort Monday to get a federal appeals court to quickly decide whether sex trafficking claims can legally be brought against him.

U.S. District Judge Alison Nathan rejected the request by the disgraced movie mogul to immediately go to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, saying the analysis by a fellow judge who died earlier this year was "careful and convincing."

Weinstein's lawyers had sought to take the unusual step of immediately appealing Judge Robert W. Sweet's ruling last August that the proverbial Hollywood casting couch— in which aspiring actors and actresses are promised valuable professional opportunities in exchange for sexual favors—could be considered a "commercial sex act."

They argued that the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 was written to criminalize and prevent slavery, servitude and human trafficking for commercial gain and was being misused against Weinstein.

Nathan said she found that Weinstein's request for an emergency appeal was over an issue that was "insufficiently exceptional" to allow it to slow the progression of the case.

"The validity of Judge Sweet's conclusion that "commercial sex act" is broad enough to include intangible benefits is not subject to substantial doubt," Nathan wrote.

"Consistently with this expansive language, courts have interpreted 'thing of value' to include even intangible benefits that are of subjective value to the recipient. At least two courts have subsequently adopted Judge Sweet's analysis in similar cases, finding that 'thing of value' can include career advancement or even just the promise of career advancement," she added.

The ruling pertained to a civil lawsuit filed in fall 2017 by actress Kadian Noble. She alleged Weinstein molested her and forced her into a bathroom to watch him masturbate after encouraging her to meet him in a Cannes, France, hotel room in 2014 to watch her demo reel.

Nathan said she agreed "that it was reasonable for Noble to expect that Weinstein would follow through on his promises of career assistance. A plausible promise of this kind from a powerful and influential person would certainly be a thing of subjective value to the promisee. This is perhaps especially true, as Judge Sweet noted, in the acting industry."

Weinstein denies wrongdoing and has denied all allegations of nonconsensual sex. Scores of women have accused the movie mogul of sexual misconduct.

His lawyers did not respond to requests for comment.

Jeffrey Herman, Noble's attorney, said after a hearing earlier this year that his client has moved to Los Angeles with her 12-year-old daughter to resume her career.

He said the #MeToo movement had brought about a "seismic shift" in Hollywood.

"There is no 'casting couch' as there was," he said.

Judges to hear appeal in lawsuit over John Steinbeck works

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Another chapter is set to play out this week in a decades-old family dispute over control of the classic works by author John Steinbeck.

A three-judge panel of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will be in Alaska's largest city on Tuesday to hear arguments in an appeal by the estate of Steinbeck's late son, Thomas Steinbeck, over a 2017 jury verdict in California.

In that case, a federal jury awarded the author's stepdaughter, Waverly Scott Kaffaga, more than $13 million in a lawsuit claiming Steinbeck's son and daughter-in-law, Gail Steinbeck, impeded film adaptations of the iconic works.

It was up to the Los Angeles jury to decide if Thomas and Gail Steinbeck interfered with deals and should pay up. Kaffaga had sued her stepbrother, his widow, Gail, and their company.

Attorney Matthew Dowd, representing the Thomas Steinbeck estate, said part of the appeal contends the 1983 agreement was in violation of a 1976 change to copyright law that gave artists or their blood relatives the right to terminate copyright deals. The appeal also disputes the award handed up by the jury, maintaining it was not supported by "substantial evidence."

Kaffaga—executor for the estate of her mother, Elaine Steinbeck, the author's widow and third wife—had alleged that long-running litigation over the author's estate prevented her from making the most of his copyrights at a time when marquee names such as Steven Spielberg and Jennifer Lawrence were interested in bringing masterpieces, "The Grapes of Wrath" and "East of Eden," back to the screen. She said the deals instead fell apart over the years.

Kaffaga had contended Thomas Steinbeck secretly signed a $650,000 deal with DreamWorks to be an executive producer on a film remake of "The Grapes of Wrath," the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel that starred Henry Fonda on the silver screen and won two Oscars. She also said Gail Steinbeck learned of projects and threatened moviemakers, saying she and her husband had legal rights to the work.

Dowd said Thomas Steinbeck, who died in 2016, conveyed his intention to exercise those rights, prompting Kaffaga to claim the contract breach. He said Steinbeck was fully within his right to do so, under the 1976 "termination rights" clause.

"The problem with the 1983 agreement is that it violates the statute by basically binding up, or restricting, Thom's ability to exercise his termination rights for 'The Grapes of Wrath,'" Dowd told The Associated Press. Gail Steinbeck was not allowed to fully address the issue in court, he said.

In the same case, a judge earlier ruled the couple breached a contract between Kaffaga's late mother and Thomas Steinbeck and his late brother, John Steinbeck IV. The brothers' mother was the author's second wife, Gwyndolyn Conger.

Handwriting expert eyed for Franklin's will

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—A judge is expected to consider a request for a handwriting expert to examine wills discovered in couch cushions after Aretha Franklin's death.

Franklin

A hearing is scheduled Tuesday in Oakland County Probate Court, north of Detroit.

A handwritten 2014 document shows Franklin apparently wanted her son, Kecalf Franklin, to serve as the representative of her estate, which might be worth millions.

But lawyers for Franklin's estate have said "there is no basis" to believe Kecalf Franklin has those skills.

After Franklin's death last August her heirs agreed to put the estate in the hands of Franklin's niece, Sabrina Owens, who is a university administrator. Attorneys for Theodore White II said in a court filing that White should be named co-executor, along with Owens.

White and Owens' names appeared in a 2010 handwritten will, but were crossed out in the 2014 document.

'Angelina Ballerina' books in the works

NEW YORK (AP) — The beloved "Angelina Ballerina" picture books series is getting an encore.

Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing announced Monday that a reissue of the original book, "Angelina Ballerina," comes out this month, with more reissues and new releases to follow. The series by author Katharine Holabird and illustrator Helen Craig follows the adventures of a mouse from Chipping Cheddar with big dreams about dancing. The first book came out in 1983, followed in the next 30 years by more than 20 others.

In a recent email, Holabird wrote that she often gets requests for more about Angelina. "Children can easily identify with all her daily dramas!" she wrote.

The relaunch is being coordinated with licensers Mattel and Hit Entertainment. "Angelina Ballerina" was previously published by Penguin Random House.

Victoria's Secret hires first transgender model

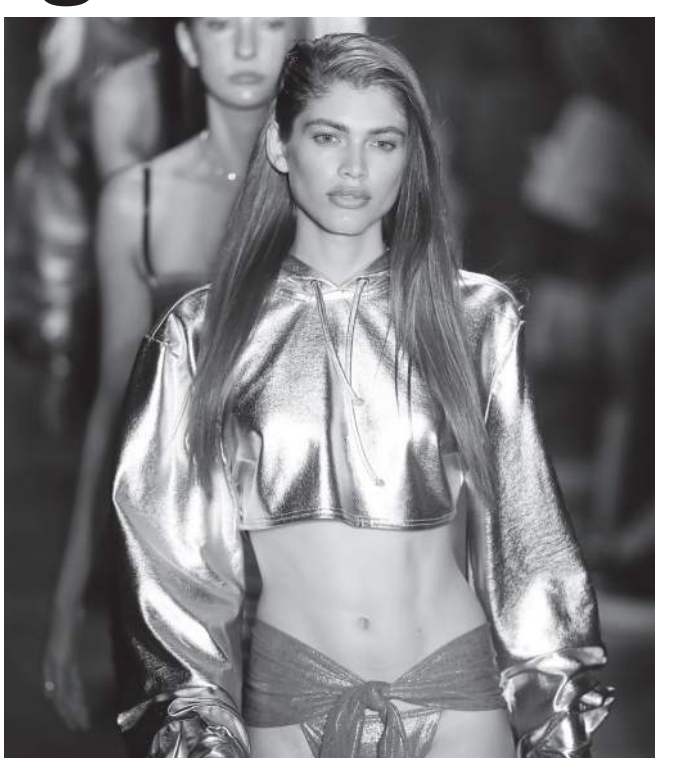
NEW YORK (AP)—Valentina Sampaio has become the first openly transgender model hired by Victoria's Secret nearly a year after a top company official was pressured to apologize for implying trans women are off brand.

Sampaio, a Brazilian, has been posting from behind the scenes of a VS Pink campaign to the delight of celebrities who include Laverne Cox.

Cox who is also transgender, posted on one of Sampaio's photos: "Wow finally!"

Last November, marketing officer Ed Razek of parent L Brands Inc., said in a Vogue interview that the annual Victoria's Secret angels TV special would never include "transsexuals" because "the show is a fantasy." He apologized after outrage ensued.

Sampaio was not hired for the show, and the company is rethinking having one at all after ratings sagged last time around.



In this March 16, 2017, file photo Brazilian transgender model Valentina Sampaio wears a creation from the Amir Slama collection during Sao Paulo Fashion Week in Sao Paulo, Brazil. AP

Mariah Carey records new song as theme for ABC's 'mixed-ish'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mariah Carey has recorded a new song that will debut as the theme of ABC's "black-ish" spinoff.

Carey

ABC announced Monday that Carey has co-written and sings the theme music to "mixed-ish." Carey says in a statement that she loves the show's pilot, which focuses on the 1980s upbringing of Tracee Ellis Ross' character, Rainbow.

Carey says she has wanted to collaborate with "black-ish's" creators for some time, and providing music for a show focused on a biracial woman like herself is a natural fit.

"mixed-ish" is set to premiere on ABC on Sept. 24. It stars Arica Himmel as young Rainbow, and Mark-Paul Gosselaar and Tika Sumpter as her parents.

ABC to tackle 'Little Mermaid' with live production

NEW YORK (AP)—Before Disney films its live-action remake of "The Little Mermaid," ABC will take a crack at it with a live production starring "Moana" actress Auli'i Cravalho as Ariel.

Cravalho

The production, to air on Nov. 5, will also star Queen Latifah as Ursula and Shaggy as Sebastian.

The music will be from the original cartoon film as well as the Tony Award-winning Broadway show.

The cartoon is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

Disney plans to remake the film with Halle Bailey from "Grown-ish" in the role of Ariel. Bailey is half of the sister duo Chloe x Halle.

Neil deGrasse Tyson apologizes for weekend tweet about death

Neil deGrasse Tyson has learned after a tweet that pointing out truths is not always helpful.

The astrophysicist and author apologized Monday for a Sunday tweet in which he noted more people died in less attention-getting ways in the same two-day period as a pair of mass shootings.

He concluded his tweet with: "Often our emotions respond more to spectacle than to data." The tweet trended on Twitter and prompted outrage of being tone-deaf in nature.

Tyson said on Facebook that he "miscalculated" how the tweet would be perceived and "genuinely believed" it would be helpful to "anyone trying to save lives in America."

Tyson

The science commentator has hosted several TV series, including "Nova." He's known for such best-selling books as "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry." ***(AP)***

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Cobie Smulders draws on cancer survival for new character

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Cobie Smulders is drawing on her experience as a cancer survivor for her role in ABC's "Stumptown." The 37-year-old actress has been in remission since being diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2007, when she was starring in "How I Met Your Mother." She had multiple surgeries and chose not to reveal her struggle until 2015. Smulders told a TV critics gathering on Monday that going through a cancer struggle made her a better person who is able to tap into things when it comes to creating characters. Smulders plays an Army veteran who becomes a private investigator in Portland, Oregon, in "Stumptown," debuting Sept. 25. Despite cancer, Smulders was able to give birth to two daughters with husband Taran Killam, who stars in his own ABC comedy "Single Parents."

ABC says 'Fresh Off the Boat' sailing past star's tweet

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—ABC says the cast and crew of "Fresh Off the Boat" are ready to get back to work and put star Constance Wu's anti-renewal tirade behind them. ABC Entertainment President Karey Burke said Monday the show's producers have told her everyone involved with "Fresh Off the Boat" took the actress at her word when she apologized. They have only expressed enthusiasm about starting production this week on season six, which debuts Sept. 27. Burke said she'll see Wu at the script reading. The two haven't spoken since Wu expressed regret for tweeting her disappointment that the show would be back. The "Crazy Rich Asians" star said she was briefly frustrated that its renewal would keep her from a passion project. Burke told a TV critics meeting she was happy Wu apologized.

Longtime 'Simpsons' composer sues, claims age discrimination

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The longtime composer of "The Simpsons" has sued over his dismissal from the long-running series, saying he was discriminated against because of his age and a perceived disability. The lawsuit filed by Alf Clausen in Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday for age discrimination, wrongful termination and retaliation comes nearly two years after Clausen says he was fired from composing and conducting all music for "The Simpsons." The 78-year-old Clausen's lawsuit says he was told that he was being replaced because the series was "taking the music in a different direction." No other details were included. The Fox prime-time animated series debuted in 1989. Its 31st season is scheduled to premiere in September. A message seeking comment from a representative for the show was not immediately returned.

Longtime attraction is still stymied by age difference

DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a woman who is 21 years younger than I am. She says she loves me, but I am hesitant because of our age difference.

We have known each other for years. She had a crush on me when she was 16, but I was married at the time, and she was too young. We made love a couple of times when she was in her 20s because I was divorced and she was single.

Now it's 10 years later. I'm in my late 50s; she's in her 30s. We are both single, and she wants to take care of me for the rest of my life.

She brings me lunch every once in a while, which I am amazed at because it's a long drive from where she lives. I worry about what other people will think, but she doesn't care and says she wants to love me and care for me because she knows what I am about. I grew up with her uncles and aunts and am good friends with them.

She's tired of dating people her age because she says they are immature. She has three kids and has never been married. I love her and want to take care of her, too, for the rest of her life. Should I listen to my heart?

AGE IS A NUMBER, IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR AGE: You have known this woman for many years. It is not as though she's a stranger with three children who has approached you. Are the fathers of the children contributing to their support? If they are minors, what will be your role in their lives? These are important considerations. But how other people feel about your union should not affect your decision.

DEAR ABBY: I was date raped seven years ago, and the man who assaulted me gave me genital herpes. I'm not someone who has ever slept around. After the rape, I told no one. I didn't go to the police. I didn't go to the doctor to get checked right away because I was scared the doctor would report the rape to the police and my family would find out. I felt ashamed and dirty. Two months later, I finally found the courage to see a doctor. I realized I had genital herpes because I got a sore and went to get tested.

I'm now friends with a guy and feel like every time I meet someone I have to tell him I have herpes because I'm not the kind of person who lies or keeps secrets. My friend seems really interested in me, and I know I need to tell him.

I feel like my life is over, and I'll never be able to have kids or marry because of this disease. It's like the man who raped me has killed my social life and my desire to live. Please help me, Abby. I have no idea what to do. Should I just stay alone or try to get my life back?

STRESSED AND ANXIOUS IN PUERTO RICO

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR STRESSED: For heaven's sake, take your life back! It is far from over. Go online and research the prevalence of STDs among teens and young adults in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The statistics will be an eye-opener for you and may reassure you that you are not alone in having herpes. This information should be shared with your sexual partners before becoming intimate. Medications can lessen the chance of transmission. Your doctor or a clinic worker can advise you.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

THERE'S THE STEGOSAURUS OUT FRONT! THERE'S THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM! HOORAY!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL THE DINOSAURS! C'MON, LET'S HURRY!
IT'S CERTAINLY BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE, HASN'T IT?
AT THE MUSEUM'S REQUEST, YES.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. CALVIN, NO BITING PEOPLE THIS TIME, REMEMBER?
RROWRR

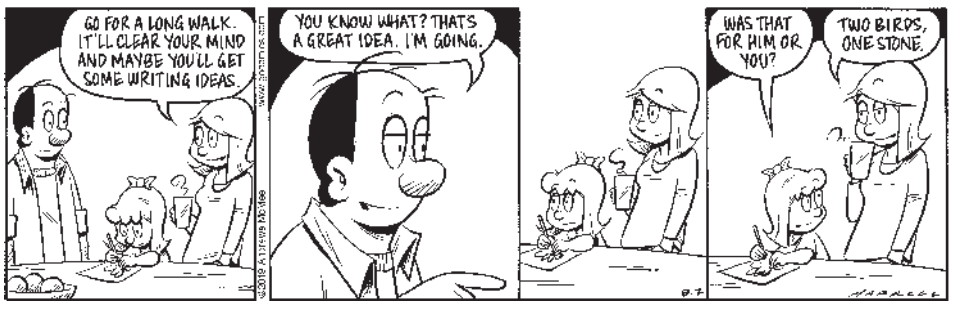
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

"DEAR ASK A DOG, WHAT MAKES YOU SUCH AN EXPERT?"
BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK! BARK!
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A DOG UNIVERSITY
ODIE

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


GO FOR A LONG WALK. IT'LL CLEAR YOUR MIND AND MAYBE YOU'LL GET SOME WRITING IDEAS.
YOU KNOW WHAT? THAT'S A GREAT IDEA. I'M GOING.
WAS THAT FOR HIM OR YOU?
TWO BIRDS, ONE STONE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I WASN'T HAPPY YOU GOT PUT IN FACEBOOK JAIL. SO I DECIDED TO HELP OUT BY WRITING AN APPEAL.
SO AM I OUT OF JAIL NOW?
KINDA. NOW YOU'RE IN FACEBOOK LABOR CAMP.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Get wind of
5 Camp bed
8 "Diana" singer
12 Woody Guthrie's son
13 Old Oldsmobile
14 Linguist Chomsky
15 Distinguishing trait
17 Harvard rival
18 Declare
19 Choice word
21 Noon, on a sundial
22 Mark Harmon TV series
23 Ordinal suffix
26 NBC sketch show
28 Cybermessages
31 "Cheers" barman Woody
33 Deity
35 Gaelic
36 Portends
38 Even so
40 Beer barrel
41 911 responders
43 Turf
45 Emmy-winning "Drag Race" host
47 Buffoons
51 Port of Algeria
52 Ant eater
54 Poet of yore
55 Never, in Nuremberg
56 "Hey, sailor!"
57 The "E" of "B.P.O.E"
58 QBs' goals
59 Convent managers

DOWN

1 "Funny!"
2 Historic periods
3 Shakespeare title starter
4 Luxury watch brand
5 Packing, as fruit
6 "— the ramparts ..."
7 Memento
8 Whenever
9 Biblical vessel
10 Curly cabbage
11 From the U.S.
16 Hosp. scans
20 Rink surface
23 Flow out
24 Overly
25 Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthplace
27 Myrna of movies
29 British verb ending
30 Pants part
32 Insists on
34 Wants
37 Actor Erwin
39 Lincoln in-law
42 Incline
44 Sofa's kin
45 Judicial garb
46 Russian river
48 Pearl Harbor site
49 1982 sci-fi film
50 "The — the limit!"
53 Succor

Solution time: 23 mins.

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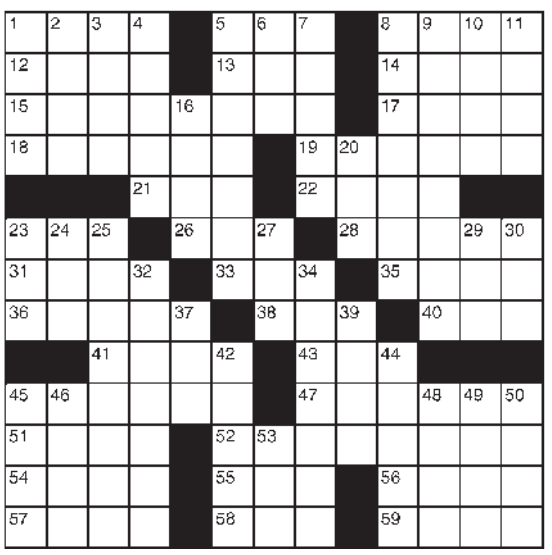
Yesterday's answer 8-7



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mike Trout, 28; Charlize Theron, 44; David Duchovny, 59; Wayne Knight, 64.

Happy Birthday: Look at change as a growing experience. Embrace what flows, and walk away from what isn't working for you. The opportunity to branch out, learn something new or evaluate what's important in your life will shape what's to come. Prepare for the future, start putting your thoughts in order and make what you want a priority. Your numbers are 4, 12, 23, 27, 32, 36, 43.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Learn all you can. Information and knowledge will give you the power you need to outsmart and get ahead. Don't fall victim to someone's cunning and manipulative ways. Do your thing well, and let your actions speak for you. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* You'll experience difficulty if you take on something that is beyond your physical capability. Rethink your plans, and stick to what's possible. Change can be made if you go about it the right way. Prepare and plan carefully. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Home, family and essential relationships should be your focus. Open up discussions that will lead to a better environment and encourage you to spend more time with the people who appreciate what you have to offer. Strive for equality. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Do something that excites you. Be imaginative and creative, and indulge in a project or plan that allows you to use your skills to do something you enjoy. A change in the way you approach concerns will lead to an exciting pastime. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Stop and think before you take action. Sometimes it's best to wait and see what others do before you take a stance. Stick to simple, moderate plans that won't lead to excessive or indulgent mistakes. Time is on your side, so slow down. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Visiting an old friend or relative will give insight to a situation you face at home. Don't share details or secrets, but listen to the advice offered based on the experience your confidant has been through in the past. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* How you help others will be a reflection of who you are and what you think. The people you encounter while participating in a group event or venture will tempt you to make an emotional decision that can affect your personal finances. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Think matters through. If you take action without getting all the facts, you will make a mistake. Search for the truth, and use intelligence and intuition to guide you down the right path. Input from someone you respect is encouraged. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't overreact to what someone says or does. Do your own thing, live within your means and take care of matters personally. Don't be tempted by someone or something that has a risk factor involved. Change only what's necessary. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* A steady pace will get you where you want to go. Don't get involved in a joint venture with someone who doesn't have a track record. Speak from the heart, offer suggestions and do your own thing. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Look for an opening, a sign or a way to use your skills to improve your life, your relationships and your reputation. An opportunity looks promising, but research facts and figures before you make a commitment. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* You can wheel and deal as long as you offer only what you know you can deliver. Be precise, prepared and ready to back your plans with substance. If you truly buy into something, others will follow. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are friendly, appealing and possessive. You are outgoing and generous.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/07

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

ROUTINES — Solution: 6 letters

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Action, Alarm, Bike, Breakfast, Calls, Chores, Clean, Custom, Daily, Detail, Drill, Duty, Effort, Energy, Errands, Exercise, Fixed, Focus, Follow, Goal, Habit, List, Meditate, Morning, Music, Night, Notes, Office, Order, Outline, Pace, Pattern, Plan, Practice, Program, Read, Regular, Review, Reward, Ritual, Rote, School, Swim, Task, Time, Track, Walk, Work, Yoga

Yesterday's Answer: Social Media

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GALLUS AMBROS SABLAN REYES (a.k.a. Gallo S. Reyes / Gallus Ambrosio Sablan Delos Reyes) Deceased.
Case No. 19-0120
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petition for Decree of Final Distribution in the above-entitled matter will be heard before the Honorable Joseph N. Camacho, Presiding/Associate Judge, on the 22nd day of Aug, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, of any, why the order should not be made.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2019.

Patrick V. Diaz, Clerk of Court
/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE ESTATE OF JULIA SOMORANG SEMAN, Deceased.
CIVIL ACTION 19-0231-CV
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2019
Time: 10:00
Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JULIA SOMORANG SEMAN OR HER ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Pete Somorang Seman** has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the Estate of Julia Somorang Seman, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Charity R. Hodson, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing. Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or her Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of this publication or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **CHARITY R. HODSON**, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2019.

/s/
Clerk of Court
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Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP19-CHCC/CGC-SYSTEMS OF CARE-019

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: AUGUST 09, 2019 TIME: 5:00 PM

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NOTICE RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING

XINGSHA HOTEL
PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2019-X-020

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction and operation of the Xingsha Hotel project.

The Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co., LLC is proposing to construct and operate the Xingsha Hotel along 8th Avenue and Kammer Beach, on Lot No. 040 T 06, in San Jose, Tinian. The proposed hotel consists of three 3-story building complex with a total of 138 unit guest rooms, 112 parking spaces, a storage area, control room, lobby and reception area, snack bar, and kitchen and dining areas with seating capacity of about 24 persons.

The public hearing for this project is rescheduled for **Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 4:30PM, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Xingsha Hotel project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP19-DCCA/CCDF-112

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 26, 2019 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

"TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF SUPPORT FOR LICENSE AND/OR LICENSE-EXEMPT CCDF FAMILY HOME BASED PROVIDERS IN MEETING CHILD CARE LICENSING AND/OR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHILD CARE DEVELOPEMNT FUND OFFICE BUILDING NO. 1347, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN ON **AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.**

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO **MS. MARIBEL S.D. LOSTE, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**, VIA EMAIL TO **ccdf.maribelloste2019@gmail.com** OR VIA FACSIMILE TO **(670) 664-2547** ***NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON AUGUST 14, 2019***. ALL QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROPOSERS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ RITA CHONG
ACTING SECRETARY, DCCA

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 12th, 2019 in the conference room at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

III. Public Comment

IV. Adoption of Agenda

V. Adoption of Minutes

VI. Old Business
- A. Amendments to Casino License Agreement
  1. 2,000 Guest Room Requirement
  2. Shareholder Controlling Interest

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

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Red Sox beat Royals, snap 8-game losing skid

AP
Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Rick Porcello delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, Aug. 5, 2019.

BOSTON (AP)—Rick Porcello pitched six innings of one-run ball, Sam Travis hit a two-run homer and the Boston Red Sox notched a 7-5 victory over the struggling Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Rafael Devers added a solo shot for the Red Sox. Travis' gave Boston a homer in a club-record 18 straight games in Fenway Park. The old mark was set in 1969.

Bubba Starling, Meibrys Viloria and Cheslor Cuthbert each went deep for Kansas City, with Viloria's his first homer in the majors and Starling's a three-run shot.

It was the seventh straight loss for the Royals, who had a 10-game skid in the season's first two weeks.

Porcello (10-8), who smashed a pair of TV monitors in the Fenway dugout in frustration in his last start, gave up four hits, walked two and struck out five.

The only thing he broke this time was the defending World Series champions' losing streak. It was their first win since beating the rival Yankees at home on July 27 and moved them 5 ½ games behind Tampa Bay for the AL's second wild-card spot.

Yankees 9, Orioles 6

New York hit five more home runs at Camden Yards, including two by Mike Tauchman, to set a major league record and win its 13th straight game in Baltimore.

New York's power surge and sixth straight win overshadowed a memorable night for Baltimore's Jonathan Villar, who became the fifth Orioles player to hit for the cycle and first since Felix Pie on Aug. 14, 2009. Villar tripled in the third inning, doubled in the fifth, homered in the sixth and dumped a single into right field off Aroldis Chapman in the ninth.

Tauchman delivered a bases-empty drive in the sixth inning and a tiebreaking solo shot off Paul Fry (1-4) in the eighth, his first career multihomer game. Austin Romine, Brett Gardner and Mike Ford also connected for the Yankees.

New York has hit 32 home runs at Camden Yards, a single-season record for most by a visiting team in one ballpark. The mark was previously held by the Milwaukee Braves, who hit 29 at Cincinnati's Crosley Field in 1957.

Blue Jays 2, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Rookie Bo Bichette homered and scored both runs, Jacob Waguespack pitched six impressive innings and Toronto ended Tampa Bay's six-game winning streak.

Bichette opened the game with a double off Charlie Morton, the sixth straight game in which he has doubled. He hit his third home run leading off the third.

Waguespack (3-1) gave up four hits and a walk, striking out six in his fifth major league start. Derek Law got four outs for his second save in four days.

Morton (12-4) pitched seven innings, giving up two runs on seven hits while striking out nine.

The Rays put nine runners on base in the first seven innings, including three via Toronto errors. They were 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position and were shut out for the first time since June 28.

Rangers 1, Indians 0

In Cleveland, All-Star Mike Minor struck out seven over seven innings, Nomar Mazara drove in Elvis Andrus with a sacrifice fly in the fourth and Texas beat Cleveland.

Minor (10-6) allowed seven hits and walked one as Texas won its fifth straight.

Andrus started the fourth with a triple, coming home a batter later when Mazara flew out to short center. He easily beat the bouncing throw home from rookie Oscar Mercado.

Jesse Chavez worked a 1-2-3 eighth and José Leclerc pitched the ninth for his seventh save.

Indians starter Aaron Civale (1-1) allowed a run in six innings and struck out seven in his second big league appearance.

Mets 6, Marlins 2, 1st Game
Mets 5, Marlins 4, 2nd Game

In New York, J.D. Davis, Michael Conforto and Pete Alonso homered in a seventh-inning rally, lifting the Mets over Miami for a doubleheader sweep that moved them above .500 for the first time since early May.

New York won the opener 6-2 as Jeff McNeil welcomed Robert Dugger to the major leagues with a home run on his first pitch, Amed Rosario broke a 1-1 tie with a third-inning homer and Jacob deGrom gave himself a three-run cushion with a two-run single.

New York (57-56) had not been above .500 since it was 16-15 before play on May 3.

In the opener, Miami's Isan Diaz had a memorable home run, connecting off deGrom in the sixth inning of his big league debut for his first hit.

Reds 7, Angels 4

In Cincinnati, Luis Castillo struck out a career-high 13 and the Reds scored five runs in the first innings on the way to a win over Los Angeles.

Castillo (11-4) threw a career-high 119 pitches in seven innings while getting his career-best 11th win. He allowed three hits and one walk before finishing with a flourish, striking out the side in the seventh.

Raisel Iglesias picked up his 22nd save.

Mike Trout and Luis Rengifo hit solo home runs for the Angels, who have dropped nine of 11 since a four-game winning streak.

Brewers 9, Pirates 7

In Pittsburgh, Christian Yelich hit two home runs and took over the major league lead with 39, powering Milwaukee past the Pirates.

Yelich homered in the first inning for the second straight game. The first of his four hits came on a sinker by Dario Agrazal (2-3), and he sent it 408 feet into the bleachers in left. In the ninth inning, Yelich crushed a slider from Geoff Hartlieb 425 feet onto the river walk beyond right field to make the score 9-6.

Brewers starter Jordan Lyles (7-7) limited his former team to three runs (one earned) on two hits in five innings in his first start against the Pirates since being traded on July 29.

Mike Moustakas hit his 27th homer of the season.

White Sox 7, Tigers 4

In Detroit, All-Star Lucas Giolito ended a five-start winless streak, Tim Anderson had three hits and scored twice, and Chicago beat the Tigers.

All nine starters for the White Sox had at least one hit and seven either scored or drove in a run. Chicago has won three of four after a 2-8 homestand.

JaCoby Jones homered and tripled for Detroit, which has lost 10 of 12 and gone 10-34 since June 1.

Giolito (12-5) gave up three runs on eight hits and two walks in six innings. He struck out eight.

Twins 5, Braves 3

In Minneapolis, Miguel Sanó's pinch-hit, two-run homer in the ninth inning gave Minnesota a victory over Atlanta.

Sanó's 19th home run of the season went an estimated 443 feet off reliever Chris Martin, hitting high off the wall in center field.

Martin (0-3) was making his second appearance for Atlanta since being acquired at the trade deadline.

Trevor May (5-3) pitched two innings with one hit allowed for the Twins, who have won four in a row to stretch their lead over Cleveland in the AL Central to four games. They've won nine of 11.

Cubs 6, Athletics 5

In Chicago, Javier Báez hit two of Chicago's four homers and the Cubs' bullpen barely held on without Craig Kimbrel in beating Oakland.

Ian Happ and Nicholas Castellanos also connected as Chicago improved to 40-18 at home with its fourth straight win.

The Cubs are counting on their depth to help them stay on top of the NL Central until Kimbrel and Willson Contreras return from injuries. Kimbrel was placed on the 10-day injured list before the game with right knee inflammation, and Contreras is expected to miss four weeks after an MRI showed a Grade 2 hamstring strain.

Oakland had won six of seven and nearly pulled off an impressive rally in its first game at Wrigley Field since 2010.

World Series begins Oct. 22

The World Series is scheduled to start Oct. 22, the same night as NBA openers.

The commissioner's office announced Monday that Game 7 would be played Oct. 30, barring postponements. The World Series is set to end in October for the second straight year after finishing in November from 2015-17.

The National League wild-card game will open Major League Baseball's postseason for the second straight year and is scheduled for Oct. 1. The AL wild-card game is the following day.

The NL Division Series begins Oct. 3 and the AL on Oct. 4. The NL Championship Series opens Oct. 11, followed by the AL the next day.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
NY Yankees	73	39	.652	0.0
Tampa Bay	65	49	.570	9.0
Boston	60	55	.522	14.5
Toronto	46	69	.400	28.5
Baltimore	38	74	.339	35.0

Central Division

Minnesota	70	42	.625	0.0
Cleveland	66	46	.589	4.0
Chi White Sox	49	61	.445	20.0
Kansas City	40	74	.351	31.0
Detroit	32	76	.296	36.0

West Division

Houston	73	40	.646	0.0
Oakland	64	49	.566	9.0
Texas	58	54	.518	14.5
LA Angels	56	58	.491	17.5
Seattle	47	67	.412	26.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	66	48	.579	0.0
Washington	58	53	.523	6.5
Philadelphia	58	53	.523	6.5
NY Mets	57	56	.504	8.5
Miami	42	69	.378	22.5

Central Division

Chi Cubs	61	51	.545	0.0
St. Louis	58	52	.527	2.0
Milwaukee	58	56	.509	4.0
Cincinnati	53	58	.477	7.5
Pittsburgh	48	64	.429	13.0

West Division

LA Dodgers	74	40	.649	0.0
San Francisco	56	56	.500	17.0
Arizona	56	56	.500	17.0
Colorado	52	60	.464	21.0
San Diego	51	60	.459	21.5

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carter returning to Hawks for record 22nd season

ATLANTA (AP)—Vince Carter is putting off retirement for at least one more season.

With that, he'll claim the longest career in NBA history all to himself.

A person familiar with the situation confirmed that Carter has agreed to terms on a one-year contract to return to the Atlanta Hawks for his record 22nd season. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been announced.

The 42-year-old Carter never wavered in his desire to play with someone this season. He is tied with Robert Parish, Kevin Garnett, Kevin Willis and recently retired Dirk Nowitzki—all of whom played for 21 seasons—for the longest career in NBA history.

"Just waiting for the right opportunity," he said on a recent conference call to discuss the upcoming Jr. NBA Global Championship, when questioned by a reporter from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "Nothing has changed as far as that goal and that dream of mine."

The deal was first reported by ESPN.

Essentially an extra coach during his first season with the Hawks, Carter served as a mentor to some of the NBA's most promising young talent, including point guard Trae Young and forward John Collins.

This year, the Hawks added first-round picks D'Andre Hunter and Cam Reddish, giving the team two more players who will surely benefit from Carter's experience and leadership.

Carter also showed last season that he's still got some hoop skills. He was a valuable member of the playing rotation on a rebuilding team, playing in 76 games with nine starts, averaging 17.5 minutes and 7.4 points per contest.

While Carter is likely to get less playing time after the additions of Hunter and Reddish, the Hawks wanted him back and finish off what is expected to be a 14-man roster this season.

AP

Atlanta Hawks forward Vince Carter (15) grabs a loose ball from going out of bounds as Brooklyn Nets forward Rodions Kurucs goes for it during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday March 9, 2019, in Atlanta.

Carter entered the league in 1998—the same year Young was born—as the fifth overall pick out of North Carolina. He sparked a wave of "Vinsanity" in Toronto, where his high-flying style made him one of the league's top players. He began a run of 10 straight seasons where he was selected to the All-Star Game appearances and averaged more than 20 points a game.

Carter was dealt to New Jersey in a blockbuster trade early in the 2004-05 and spent nearly five seasons with the Nets. Since then, he bounced around to Orlando, Phoenix, Dallas, Memphis and Sacramento before landing in Atlanta last season.

The only blemish on his resume is the lack of an NBA title, which isn't likely to change in Atlanta. The Hawks, who are in the midst of a total roster makeover focused on young talent, went 29-53 last season and are again pegged as a longshot to make the playoffs in the Eastern Conference.

After reporting for training camp a year ago in Atlanta, Carter said he still feels like a 20-something when a new season rolls around.

"This is like I'm in my third, fourth, fifth year," he said. "I'm excited about the opportunity. I'm excited about playing. I still love playing. I still love competing. I still enjoy the traveling, the ups and downs of the league. That's what it's all about. It's hard to let go."

Coach Lloyd Pierce, who is heading into his second season with the Hawks, loved having Carter around to give players such as Young and Collins an extra shoulder to lean on during their transition to the NBA.

Pierce is only eight months older than Carter.

Meanwhile, the Memphis Grizzlies have hired former Notre Dame women's associate head coach Niele (knee-L) Ivey among the new assistants on Taylor Jenkins' staff.

There are now nine women coaches in the NBA.

The Grizzlies also announced Monday the hiring of Brad Jones, David McClure, James "Scoonie" Penn, Vitaly Potapenko and Neven Spahija.

Ivey spent the past 12 seasons at her alma mater with the last four as Notre Dame's associate head coach and recruiting coordinator. She helped the Fighting Irish go 385-55 with seven Final Four berths, six appearances in the NCAA title game and the 2018 national championship.

Popovich gets his turn at leading USA Basketball

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Gregg Popovich walked into USA Basketball's first team meeting in advance of World Cup training camp, and it seemed to some in the room that he was having a little difficulty keeping his emotions in check.

He talked about tradition, about what it means to play for your country, about expectations, about sacrifice, about playing the right way, about respect for opponents.

The only downside was that when he was done speaking, the first practice was still about 18 hours away.

"Shoot, from the get-go, I think everybody was ready to play a game or run through a brick wall for him after that talk," Brooklyn guard Joe Harris said.

With that, Camp Pop had arrived.

Popovich's first training camp practice as coach of the U.S. men's national team went into the books Monday, less than a month before the Americans will begin play at the FIBA World Cup in China. The U.S. has won the last two World Cup gold medals, both won under now-former coach Mike Krzyzewski, and now it's Popovich's turn to lead the red, white and blue.

"It's been on my mind every day, what I want to do and what needs to be done," said Popovich, the longtime San Antonio Spurs coach who was picked as Krzyzewski's successor nearly four years ago. "It's been like thinking about two teams at the same time for that period. But Coach K did that for 12 years. So I think I can probably try to do the same."

Popovich was all over the floor in his first practice, pulling some guys aside for 1-on-1 chats during a scrimmage and other times gathering the entire team around him to discuss the nuance of proper box-out technique.

"You can't help but teach here and there," Popovich said.

Popovich calls it "a huge responsibility" to both represent the country and continue the program's long tradition of winning. He and his assistants have been meeting for weeks, going over every possible detail.

"He is so passionate about this project and he's so well-prepared," Golden State coach and USA Basketball assistant Steve Kerr said.

There is also some pressure, of course.

When the Americans start World Cup play in Shanghai on Sept. 1 against the Czech Republic, it'll be exactly 13 years since the national team program lost a game at the world championships, now known as the World Cup, or in Olympic competition.

On Sept. 1, 2006, the U.S. lost to Greece in the world championships semifinals. Since then, the Americans are 76-0—a run that started with the bronze medal game in the 2006 worlds followed by gold-medal runs in the 2007 FIBA Americas tournament, the 2008 Olympics, the 2010 world championships, the 2012 Olympics, the 2014 World Cup and finally the 2016 Olympics.

USA Basketball has lost at times since 2006, including twice during the 12-game World Cup qualifying run.

But none of the defeats came against the full-fledged U.S. varsity, the level that Popovich is now overseeing.

"He's taken on the challenge of leading the USA team and he's taking on the challenge with seriousness," said Atlanta coach Lloyd Pierce, a Popovich assistant this summer. "The first conversation I had with him, he said that we would enjoy this and we would have fun. But when we meet as coaches, you walk into the room and there are tables full of notes and easels full of notes already. He's not taking this for granted."

There are some natural, and coincidental, parallels with Popovich following Krzyzewski as national team coach.

Both were military and service academy men: Krzyzewski graduated from Army West Point in 1969, Popovich from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1970. The Army put Krzyzewski into its Hall of Fame; the Air Force Academy did the same for Popovich. Krzyzewski has five NCAA titles; Popovich has five NBA titles.

In 2016, Krzyzewski called the pending coaching change "succession" — another term heard often in military circles when talking about the transfer of leadership. "I have the unit right now," Krzyzewski said in 2016. "He's going to take command of the unit."

That day has arrived, and it was a long time coming for Popovich.

He was announced as Krzyzewski's successor as national team coach on Oct. 23, 2015—nearly a year before the Rio Games ended, nearly four years before the first game he'll actually coach for the red, white and blue.

Popovich oversaw a two-day minicamp in Las Vegas last summer, a couple of light practices that became a get-to-know-you session for invitees and little else. But Monday's was the first practice of the Popovich national-team era with an actual game in sight, and came less than two weeks before the World Cup roster is selected and planes are boarded to Australia for final pre-China preparations.

"This is beyond playing for an NBA team," Popovich said. "This is the highest level you can be."

With new deal, Brady still not looking too far ahead

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP)—Even with a new contract, Tom Brady faces some uncertainty about his future.

At his age, that's hard to avoid.

"I'm ready to go this year and that's really what matters. That's where my focus is," Brady said. "It's a unique situation I'm in. I'm in my 20th year with the same team. I'm 42 years old, so pretty much uncharted territory I think for everybody. I'm going to go out there and do the best I can this year and see what happens."

Brady agreed to a two-year, $70 million extension through 2021 that includes an $8 million raise in 2019, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday because the Patriots hadn't announced the extension. ESPN, citing an unidentified source, reported that 2020 and 2021 are void years, and that Brady and the Patriots would need to negotiate further on those if he plays beyond this season.

"There's a lot of guys who have one year left on their contract," Brady said. "I've got one year to go and we'll see what happens."

The Patriots are in Michigan this week, holding joint practices with the Lions in preparation for a preseason game at Detroit on Thursday night. Brady turned 42 on Saturday. Fresh off his sixth Super Bowl title, he's shown little sign of fading at this stage of his career.

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In this Jan. 20, 2019, file photo, New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) calls a play during the first half of the AFC championship NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs in Kansas City, Mo.

He's said he wants to play until he's 45. He'd be one year shy of that at the end of the 2021 season.

"You've got to take care of your body. I wrote a book on it, literally. I live by it and I think it's given me pretty good results," Brady said. "I try to pass it on to the next generation so they don't have to go on through the same mistakes that I did, but everyone learns different ways. Hopefully, I can be an inspiration."

Brady's passer rating last season was 97.7, his first time below 100 since 2014. New England still went 11-5.

Both Brady and coach Bill Belichick referenced the team's poor performance at Detroit early last season, perhaps as a way of maintaining focus this week. The Patriots lost that game 26-10.

New England went just 3-5 on the road during the regular season, although the Patriots did win at Kansas City in the AFC title game. Then they beat the Los Angeles Rams in the Super Bowl.

"Coach reminded us of that this morning—we were 3-5 last year. I wanted to remind him we were 5-5," Brady said. "We won two important ones at the end, but I understand 3-5 for his argument's sake works. But yeah, we have to be better this year. You've got to get into a routine. You come here and it's a lot of things that are unfamiliar and you try to really focus on football, and our plays, and our techniques and our fundamentals."

For now at least, Brady's contract situation can be put aside, and the coming season can have his undivided attention.

"I love playing quarterback here. I love this team, this organization," Brady said. "The focus is this year and what we've got to do. That's where I'm focused. That's all that really matters in the end. That's what this team expects of me—to put everything into it, like I always have—and I'm really excited for the year."

Meanwhile, the Indianapolis Colts have claimed running back D'Onta Foreman off waivers from Houston.

He was cut by the Texans on Sunday after coach Bill O'Brien expressed displeasure with Foreman, Houston's third-round pick in 2016 out of Texas.

The 6-foot-1, 235-pound Foreman logged 85 carries for 326 yards and two scores and caught eight passes for 111 yard and one touchdown in two seasons with Houston.

Indy made room on the roster by cutting recently signed running back Keith Ford.

Dallas rookie RB making waves

OXNARD, Calif. —Dak Prescott said Sunday that a running back was "one of the most exciting players, to me, of this training camp."

The Dallas Cowboys quarterback wasn't referring to missing-in-action Ezekiel Elliott. Tony Pollard, whom Dallas drafted out of Memphis in the fourth round of the 2019 draft, continues to turn heads.

In a goal-line series during Sunday's intrasquad scrimmage, he leveraged blocks from Connor Williams and Travis Frederick to run through an open lane on his left. Ramping up his speed, he wrapped around the left side with safety Jeff Heath in pursuit. Touchdown.

It was the latest win for a rookie who has impressed in the run and pass game, as well as playing both ways on special teams.

"Pollard really showed the ability to plant quick, plant his feet and his quick feet," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said after the scrimmage. "He is obviously about as smooth an athlete and certainly a running back. You saw the flexibility.

"If he continues to get better and better and better, which he's got to, I think you are going to see a guy who plays early for the Cowboys."

With or without Elliott.

Sure, the Cowboys still hope and plan to have the league's rushing titleholder back for the Sept. 8 opener against the Giants. But first-year coordinator Kellen Moore's system has options to play two backs at a time. The organization envisions a tandem duo like New Orleans used in 2018 with Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram. Kamara raced to 883 yards and 14 touchdowns rushing, catching 81 more passes for an additional 709 yards and four scores. Ingram totaled 915 yards from scrimmage and seven scores.

The Cowboys hope for a similar outlook. They see seventh-round draft pick Mike Weber as more of a complete runner who could back up Elliott. Pollard need not wait. In training camp, he has shared first-team snaps with Darius Jackson. And he has garnered praise off the field.

"When we're in the offense, we're in the offensive units, we're in the team meetings and Coach calls him out on his responsibility, without a hesitation he's getting it right," Prescott said. "That's what you want to see from a young guy. That's what the players and coaches want to see, and he's been delivering."

Cowboys running backs coach Gary Brown has kept Pollard late after practices to help ensure he's comfortable with new concepts. By head coach Jason Garrett's judgment, it's working.

"He's handled a lot of information on the offensive side of the ball…really well," Garrett said Sunday. "He, too, is someone who continues to play fast. He doesn't look like he's not playing to his speed because he is thinking too much."

Pollard played a limited role at Memphis behind Darrell Henderson, whom the Rams drafted in the third round this spring. Henderson averaged more than 1,531 yards and 15 touchdowns a season for the Tigers in the last two years. Pollard was granted just 117 touches in 2018.

Despite that, he racked up 1,010 yards, averaging 7.1 yards per rush and 11.7 a reception. Pollard scored nine touchdowns on offense. And he excelled as a kick returner, averaging 30.1 yards per return. In 2017, Pollard averaged 40 yards per kick return and scored on four.

Through a week of practice, the Cowboys have given Pollard reps both as a returner and in rushing the punter on special-teams drills.

"Coming out of school, he just was a football player," Garrett said. "You saw it on tape, you saw him run inside, you saw him run outside, you saw him return kicks. He did a lot of different things.

"With all the young players, you try to expose them to different parts of your team. … At some point with those guys you say, 'OK, let's focus more on this and less on this.' But he's a young player and we need to find out about him and how he can handle all these different situations.

"He's made a lot of strides in a week's time."

Meanwhile, the Cowboys are waiving tight end Rico Gathers, ending three years of steady progress with the club for the former Baylor basketball player who chose to pursue pro football over a shot at the NBA.

The 25-year-old Gathers' status on the roster became more tenuous when 11-time Pro Bowler Jason Witten came out of retirement after a year in broadcasting. Gathers also missed time at training camp with an ankle injury before Monday's decision.

Gathers hadn't played football in a decade when he decided after four years in the Baylor basketball program that he would make himself eligible for the NFL draft. One of the best rebounders in Big 12 history was a long shot to get taken, but the Cowboys grabbed the 6-foot-6 Gathers with their final pick in the sixth round in 2016.

After a year on the practice squad and a season on injured reserve because of symptoms from a concussion, Gathers made the team last year. He played in 15 games with four starts, catching three passes for 46 yards.

Gathers is still facing a one-game suspension to start the season for violating the NFL's substance-abuse policy. He was arrested on a marijuana possession charge last year.

Witten, Blake Jarwin and Darwin Schultz are likely to make the 53-man roster. Second-year player Codey McElroy is the fourth tight end in camp.

Woods playing at President's Cup possible

NEW YORK—What will captain Tiger Woods do?

The Presidents Cup skipper knows one of the toughest tasks that comes with the job is determining his wildcard picks. Yes, there's joy in filling out the team and telling someone they made the squad, but there's agony in informing a colleague they aren't a pick to represent the red, white and blue this December in the Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne in Australia.

Woods has four discretionary selections to make, and it won't be easy considering the depth of talent on hand. Making it even more difficult is Woods will likely be in the mix.

"Tiger, you made the team."

"Tiger, you're out."

Wondering what Woods will do will linger until November, when the four wildcard picks will be announced. Woods often has said he would love to be a playing captain, and if that is to occur, he'll have to get after it as the three-tournament FedEx Cup Playoffs commence this week.

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Tiger Woods of the United States throws his club in the air during the second round of the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Friday, July 19, 2019.

The Northern Trust at Liberty National in the shadow of the Manhattan Skyline and next week's BMW Championship outside of Chicago form the final two weeks players can wrap up one of the eight automatic spots that will head to Oz.

As it stands, the elite eight are Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Justin Thomas, Xander Schauffele, Matt Kuchar, Webb Simpson, Bryson DeChambeau and Patrick Cantlay.

A loaded group indeed. As is the group of players just outside the top 8—reigning U.S. Open champion Gary Woodland, Tony Finau, Rickie Fowler, Phil Mickelson, Kevin Kinser, Patrick Reed, Chez Reavie, Charles Howell III, Bubba Watson, Kevin Na and Billy Horschel. Jordan Spieth is out there, too. And don't forget the wonder boys and recent PGA Tour winners Matthew Wolff and Collin Morikawa.

Oh, and one Tiger Woods.

The only two-time winner of the FedExCup Playoffs is 12th in the Presidents Cup standings and would likely need to win one of the first two playoff events or finish in the top 3 in each to earn one of the automatic eight spots.

That's a tall task made taller as Woods has played in only four tournaments since winning the Masters four months ago.

With missed cuts in the PGA Championship and then the British Open two weeks ago, where Woods looked listless and far from sharp in both events, he has played just 12 rounds in four months.

But Woods is motivated, as he has often said one of his goals this year was to make it back to The Tour Championship, the playoff finale. It was there, at East Lake outside of Atlanta, where thousands of fans followed Woods down the 72nd hole en route to his winning last year's Tour Championship, his first victory in five years.

So getting to East Lake is foremost on his mind. He stands 28th in the FedEx Cup standings, with only the top 30 heading to East Lake. He has to play well just to get to Atlanta, and he has good memories to call upon - he's finished second twice at Liberty National and he won the 1999 and 2006 PGA Championships at Medinah.

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ers contributed at least two baskets apiece in their fourth-quarter assault.

Gilas Batang, which has yet to enter the win column after two games, combined for only 26 point in the second half, allowing Pardz to steal the victory.

The Pardz-Gilas Batang was the only game completed last Friday, while Saturday and yesterday's matches were all rained-out.

Meanwhile, Torres, Ritual, Jose, and Ronald Bernardo all scored in twin digits for Pardz as they demolished Saipan Adventures in one of the opening games in the league.

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conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, said they will try to have more games or events this school year after some of the competitions in 2018 were either canceled or shortened due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

The first six sports are scheduled to continue in October, while weightlifting may also be introduced in the high school level in the same month.

From November to January 2020, PSS is planning to have ocean swim and co-ed volleyball for elementary; girls and boys fastpitch and girls volleyball for middle school; and ocean swim, girls basketball, boys soccer, and boys fastpitch for high school.

For February and March, PSS will switch to co-ed basketball for elementary, while middle school will have both the boys volleyball and girls volleyball. Outrigger canoe, boys basketball, and girls fastpitch will be featured in the high school competition.

In the last two months (April and May) of the athletics season, PSS will team up with NMA and McDonald's for the All Schools Track and Field Championships for all three divisions. A co-ed softball for elementary, boys basketball in the middle school, and girls soccer and boys volleyball are also slated for April and May.

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trol possession past the halfway mark of the first half. On defense, after shaking off early jitters that allowed Guam to push the ball forward and threaten to score, the Commonwealth bets settled down and held their ground to frustrate their opponents.

"In the first half, we had a couple of corners against us, but our defense was doing great in sending the ball out of our box. And although Guam tried to penetrate through our defense line, our goalkeeper did an amazing job in stopping the balls from entering her goal," Ito said.

Marinel Falalimpa was the starting goalie for the CNMI and was joined in the first 11 by Chavez, Joyce, Pia Ngewakl, Mary Joy Aniana, Christina Atalig, Allyssya Angeles, Jannah Casarino, Summer Manahane, and co-captains Julianne Hall and Nathanette Blas. Rizza Relucio, Julie Ann Capayas, Stephanie Flores, Aubrey and Audrey Castro, and Sophia Quintos also saw action against Guam in the second half.

In the final half, with Guam down, it remained persistent and made several attempts, which the CNMI's defense, despite showing signs of fatigue, managed to foil. The Commonwealth players also went for some shots and muffed them. Then after exchanging misses, Guam finally lit up the board with one of its forwards scoring.

After Guam's goal, the CNMI had a chance to break the deadlock in the closing minutes of the game. The exciting finish started when one of the Commonwealth's forward went for a shot and the Guam keeper slid to pick up the ball. The goalie fumbled, forcing the opposing teams to clash for possession before Chavez again snuck into the play and have her foot on the leather.

"Kaithlyn got the last touch for a goal, but went too high above the crossbar," Ito said.

Despite missing a win, Ito said the draw is a good result for the CNMI.

"We have lost to them in the past for this age group, but now we are progressing," Ito said.

"Both teams played a high level of soccer. The crowd was amazing, cheering both teams and seeing both NMI and Guam playing so competitively. Our girls played hard and played with heart," she added.

After the opening match against Guam, the Commonwealth players were scheduled to face Mongolia yesterday at the Mokpo International Football Training Center at 3pm (4pm Saipan time). Recovery is a concern for the CNMI, according to Ito, as the girls are not so used to playing in consecutive days.

"Back-to-back matches are not easy, and with such a short amount of recovery, players still feel the exhaustion from the match before. However, Ms. Pam (pysiotherapist Pam Carhill) and the coaching staff are fully on board in making sure our players are ready in mind, body, and spirit," the team manager added.

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Players and officials of the CNMI Girls U15 National Team perform training drills in preparation for their games in the 2019 East Asian Football Federation U15 Girls Festival last Sunday at the Mokpo International Football Training Center in South Korea.

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The CNMI Girls U15 National Team members pay their respect to the Commonwealth flag as the anthem is sung before their game against Guam in the 2019 East Asian Football Federation U15 Girls Festival last Monday at the Mokpo International Football Training Center in South Korea.

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CNMI draws Guam in opener

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The CNMI Girls U15 National Team flirted with victory in the opening day of the 2019 East Asian Football Federation U15 Girls Festival before settling for a 1-1 draw against Guam last Monday in Mokpo, South Korea.

Starting center midfielder Kaithlyn Chavez drilled the lone goal for the Commonwealth with her shot in the 34th minute giving their team the lead at the halftime break and early into the second half before Guam equalized in the 57th.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI Girls U15 National Team's starting 11 pose for a photo before their game against Guam in the 2019 East Asian Football Federation U15 Girls Festival last Monday at the Mokpo International Football Training Center in South Korea.

According to team manager Mae Ito, Chavez's goal came off Paulynn Joyce's corner kick, as Guam and CNMI players battled for the ball and the diminutive midfield joining the scramble and winning to kick the leather in.

Before Chavez's conversation, the Luem Khen Koo-coached team had multiple scoring chances, starting in the 18th minute of the game, but just could not cash in on the opportunities. The CNMI players also managed to con-

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Back-to-back for Pardz Ballers

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The Pardz Ballers got off to a good start in the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League after winning its first two games at the Civic Center Court in Susupe.

Pardz topped Gilas Batang last Friday, 75-61, for a fitting follow-up on its 99-52 debut win over Saipan Adventures during the Tsingtao Beer-sponsored league's opening day late last month.

Against Gilang Batang, Pardz went all out in the fourth quarter to battle back from a lackluster showing in the second period. Pardz was held to 8 points in the second canto, allowing Gilas Batang to grab the lead at the break, 35-27, after falling behind in the first quarter, 13-18.

Pardz then started to regain its bearings at the start of the second half to cut the deficit to only a deuce at the end of the third period, 47-49. John Jose scored 9 points in the penultimate frame to bring Pardz back into the game with one quarter left.

After Jose stepped up in the third frame, it was Rocyl Ritual's turn to lead Pardz in the fourth with the latter scoring 10 points. Pardz went on to complete its recovery after more than doubling Gilas Batang's output in the final period, 28-12, to take the early lead in the 12-team league with its 2-0 record.

Joseph Torres also backed up Ritual, adding 7 markers, while three other Pardz play-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Some Pardz Ballers players join the parade of teams during the opening ceremony for the 2019 One Pacific Promotional Basketball League late last month at the Civic Center Court in Susupe.

PSS plans 6 sports to start season

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Public School System Student Support Services Athletic Program director Nick Gross has initially scheduled six sports to kick off the interscholastic competition for the 2019-2020 school year.

In the elementary division, PSS is planning to start the season with the cross-country race and a co-ed soccer (for fourth to fifth graders) next month. The middle school division will also have the cross country events plus boys soccer and girls basketball. Cross country is included, too in the high school schedule along with girls soccer and co-ed golf, while stand-up paddling may be added on the list. PSS will be teaming up with Northern Marianas Athletics, Northern Mariana Islands Football Association, Mariana Islands Basketball Federation, Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, and Northern Marianas Paddle Sports Federation in facilitating the various competitions in the first half of the school year.

Gross, during the Northern Marianas Sports Association meeting last Thursday at the

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A Marianas High School player pulls up for a point-blank shot against a Tinian High School defender during their game in the Public School System Interscholastic 3x3 Basketball Tournament at the Koblerville Gymnasium early this year.